

## Latest polls bring election battle to life

### Kinnock tries to drive wedge in Alliance

By Robin Oakley, Martin Fletcher and Sheila Gunn

The latest batch of opinion polls brought the election to life yesterday, with the first signs of a developing tactical vote and the first faint whiffs of speculation about the prospect of a hung Parliament.

As they did so, Mr David Steel and Dr David Owen differed publicly on their willingness to support a minority government led by Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Neil Kinnock began trying to drive a wedge between the Alliance partners.

The political battle was sharpened with a tough speech

from Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, suggesting that Labour's plans for greater political control of the police would prove a "bully boys charter" increasing mass picketing and creating no-go areas on council estates.

The latest Gallup poll, published in *The Daily Telegraph* today, showed some signs of

the long expected revival in Alliance fortunes. It measured support at: Conservatives 40.5 per cent, Labour 36.5 per cent, and Alliance 21.5 per cent. That compares with figures of 44.5, 36 and 18 per cent in the previous Gallup poll a week ago.

The Conservative vote had remained above 41 per cent as it has done in every poll since the election began, but if the latest Gallup figures were repeated on a uniform swing on June 11 the Tory majority would be cut to 20. A hung Parliament is not yet a likely prospect, but the trend of the polls is moving gently in that direction.

An NOP poll of 52 marginal seats, however, published in *The Independent* today, brings better news for the Conservatives. This puts support for the Conservatives at 43 per cent, Labour at 34 per cent and the Alliance at 20 per cent. Compared with the previous NOP poll, the Conservatives are up 1 percentage point, Labour and Alliance are down one point. Such a pattern would see the Tories home with a majority of more than 100.

There will be some alarm in the Alliance camp at the signs of the Alliance lifting off the bottom. Until now the Tory majority prospects have been shored up by Labour advancing in the Conservative-Alliance marginals.

But the *Newsnight* poll on Tuesday night showed the first signs of a tactical vote developing and if the Alliance picks up in the latter stages of the campaign as it did in 1983

then the Tory majority is likely at least to be trimmed.

Mr Norman Tebbit, the party chairman, and his campaign team were meeting in Central Office last night to plan a major advertising blitz for the final stages of the campaign. At this point in the last election the then Conservative party chairman, Mr Cecil Parkinson, was able to save the party hundreds of thousands of pounds by cancelling a planned advertising campaign.

The Alliance leaders, who have predicted all along that their support would begin to gather in the final 10 days of the campaign, will take new heart from the Gallup figures, though there is still a long way for them to go. But yesterday they were split in their attitudes to what the Alliance would do if Mrs Thatcher was returned as the leader of the largest party in the Commons but without an overall majority.

Although Mr Kinnock once again he ruled out any question of a deal with the Alliance, he made it clear that he had regard for Mr Steel and his party but could never work with Dr Owen and the SDP.

Mr David Steel jostled Dr Owen by stating unequivocally that the departure of Mrs Thatcher would be the price of Alliance support for a minority Conservative government.

The Liberal leader's comment was a clear and calculated attempt to coax back anti-Thatcher voters pushed into the Labour camp by the apparent strong pro-Tory bias of Dr Owen.

Mr Steel denied that his remarks left him at odds with Dr Owen, claiming that the SDP leader had said the same thing many times, only in "slightly more moderate language".

Dr Owen, however, has repeatedly refused to lay down such conditions for Alliance support. Interviewed on the *Jimmy Young Show* yesterday, he said only that it was inconceivable that Mrs Thatcher would stay on in such circumstances.

Mr Steel told a caller on BBC radio's *Election Call* "I find it unimaginable - that's the best word I can use - that

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## Tebbit condemns campaign violence

By Sarah Thompson

Arson and violence are the election weapons of the new left, Mr Norman Tebbit, the Tory Party chairman, said yesterday at the scene of a devastating arson attack on a north London Conservative campaign headquarters.

Mr Tebbit was quick to appear on the scene to condemn as "an outrage perpetrated by the extreme left" the attack which destroyed the campaign headquarters of Mr Oliver Letwin, Conservative candidate for Hackney North and Stoke Newington.

The police have turned down a request for extra protection from Mr Letwin, who will move his headquarters from house to house to evade more attacks.

Mr Tebbit, speaking outside the gutted four-storey building which housed a computer storing vital canvass returns and 35,000 leaflets, said: "One can only assume if it is arson that it was an outrage per-

petrated by the extreme left. "This is the way the new left fights elections. All of us in democratic parties would deplore this sort of thing."

"I am sure Mr Kinnock would deplore this extremely vigorously."

Mr Letwin, aged 31, a former member of the 10 Downing Street policy unit and special adviser to Sir Keith Joseph, former Secretary of State for Education and Science, said that the blaze was the work of the "loony hooligan fringe".

The fire, which destroyed the £200,000 building and caused £12,000 damage to equipment, is being treated as arson after traces of petrol were found in the basement.

Mr John Heddle, Tory candidate for Mid Staffordshire, offered a £250 reward yesterday for information leading to the arrest of vandals who badly damaged a campaign vehicle in Lichfield yesterday.



The Princess of Wales giving the Duchess of York a helping hand to keep her hat on shortly before the start of 208th Derby at Epsom yesterday (Photograph: Julian Herbert). Derby market, page 2; Race report, page 38

## Companies line up to fund new city colleges

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Leading industrialists and businessmen are queuing up to support the Government's proposed network of 20 city technology colleges.

The *Times* has been shown a confidential list of organizations, many of them household names, which are prepared to put up £1 million each to help set up 11 colleges.

However, the offers are conditional on the Conservatives winning the election. The Labour Party and most Labour-controlled local education authorities have expressed strong opposition to the scheme.

The expression of widespread support comes on the day that Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is to announce the founding of a city technology college in Nottingham.

Mr Harry Djanogly, a local textile industrialist, has agreed to contribute £1 million from his personal fortune towards building and equipping a school for 1,000 pupils on a green-field site within three miles of the city centre.

The Government, if the Conservatives are re-elected, will contribute up to another

£6 million in the form of a mortgage on the property, and meet the running costs.

The college is the fourth to be announced since October, when Mr Baker launched the scheme. He said that if businessmen supported it, a pilot network of 20 colleges would be set up in inner-city areas by 1989. They would be independent charitable trusts offering a free education with a technological bias.

Sponsors willing to contribute £1 million have already been found for colleges in

£1 in benefactors

Softhill, South Yorkshire and the London borough of Wandsworth.

Today's announcement also heralds significant changes in the nature of the proposed colleges.

The area from which they would be allowed to draw pupils is to be widened to a radius of 45 minutes travelling time, and the cost of travel would be borne by a grant from the Department of Education and Science.

The move is intended to defuse one of the most persis-

tent criticisms of the colleges: that they would harm schools in their immediate neighbourhood by creaming off more able pupils.

It is clear that the businessmen who are supporting the colleges see them as the start of a national system of selective, vocationally-oriented schools.

The driving force behind the scheme is Mr Cyril Taylor, an educational entrepreneur who heads a newly formed umbrella organization, the City Technology Colleges Trust. He has worked closely with Mr Baker.

Mr Taylor believes that the Conservative plan to allow schools to opt out of local authority control will encourage many comprehensive schools to become city technology colleges.

Mr Taylor's inspiration is the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training (ORT), an international group which runs 800 technical schools in 35 countries.

Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Employment, was chairman of the organization's British section for five years, and Mrs Thatcher is also keenly interested in its work.

## Urgent call for Opren settlement

By Frances Gibb

Lawyers for the 1,500 alleged victims of the anti-arthritis drug Opren called yesterday for an immediate settlement of compensation after a Court of Appeal ruling which will force hundreds to drop their claims in the courts.

Mr Rodger Pannone, chairman of the team of six lawyers co-ordinating the victims' claims, said it was "public knowledge" that a settlement with the drug's manufacturers Eli Lilly was nearly achieved before this week's Court of Appeal hearing.

It could not be right for the company and the Government "to delay settlement until they see how many victims have had to drop out" because the English legal system could not overcome the costs problem of a big case where multiple plaintiffs take on a multi-national company, Mr Pannone said.

His comments came after Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, sitting with Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Balcombe, had rejected an appeal by the Opren claimants against a ruling that they should all - whether on legal aid or not - equally share the costs of the legal action.

The ruling has already forced nearly 500 of those on private means to drop out. Some of those on legal aid may also now withdraw.

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## 'Apathy' gives Militant victory

By John Spicer

Militant Tendency has won control of the biggest civil service union following a violent swing to the left. Eighteen seats of the 20-strong executive committee of the Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA) have been taken by Militants, leaving the union's right-wing general secretary, Mr John Ellis, isolated together with the president and one vice-president.

Mr Ellis blamed the "idleness and apathy" of the union membership for allowing Militant to take over.

Only 43 per cent of CPSA's 146,000 members voted in the ballot.

Mrs Marion Chambers, the union's president, said she was still worried that 49 branches of the union had failed to register a vote in the election because of "irregularities".

The CPSA, which represents the lowest paid workers in the Civil Service, is one of the most volatile unions in Britain. Earlier this year there was a fierce contest over the election of general secretary. The Militant-backed candidate, Mr John Macrae, won on the first ballot by 121 votes, but after objections he lost the re-run heavily. On Monday his election as deputy general secretary was announced.

The new executive, including president and vice-presidents, is now made up of 18 Militants, two from the "broad left" and nine moderates, seven Militants and three "broad left".

Commenting on the election result, Mr Ellis said the new executive would have new priorities. In the short-term, it had to win the pay battle with the government; in the medium term, it had to continue the fight to win new members and stop any loss of membership; and in the long term, the CPSA had to continue negotiations with other civil service unions to ensure a merger that would give them more power with government.

Mrs Chambers said an indication of the true feeling of the membership was that she was re-elected President and Mrs Kate Losinska was re-elected senior Vice-President. "If everyone else in the election had stated where they stood as clearly as we have things would have turned out very differently", she said.

The Tory Party chairman, Mr Norman Tebbit, commented on the CPSA result shortly after it was announced by speaking of his "immense sadness" over the Militant victory.

He predicted that many members of the CPSA would now leave.

## Dollar aid ruled out in Venice

By David Smith

No new steps to help the dollar will be taken at next week's world economic summit in Venice. Currency dealers fear that, without action by the leading countries, the dollar could tumble. But Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, said that there would be no new initiatives.

British government sources warned against expecting action other than a reaffirmation of the leading countries' support for currency stability. Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, hopes to secure support for new moves to ease the debt burden on the poor countries of sub-Saharan Africa.

Mrs Thatcher will be present in Venice for the start of the summit on Monday evening, leaving at midday on Tuesday.

Government sources said that as well as economic issues such as trade and international debt, the summit would discuss AIDS, drug abuse and terrorism.

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## Jaffna aid boats are turned back

From Michael Hamlyn, Palaly Base, Jaffna

After a four-hour struggle in the dark between the national pride of Sri Lanka and the angry power of India, the confrontation over relief supplies for Tamils ended late last night with India backing away.

A ragamuffin flotilla of 19 fishing boats loaded with rice, lentils, wheat and sugar turned back to Rameswaram in south India whence they had set out.

India sent the little convoy to relieve the suffering of the people of the Jaffna peninsula in the north of the island republic. Sri Lanka says they do not need it or want it.

The boats were intercepted on their way between the south Indian port and the Sri Lankan coast by Sri Lankan

navy patrol boats and told they could not proceed. The darkness fell, the leader of the Indian expedition, Mr D.K. Maitra, an official of the external publicity department of the Foreign Ministry, said, according to the Sri Lankan National Security Ministry, that they were bringing urgent supplies to the starving people of Jaffna.

Sri Lanka said that the people of Jaffna were not starving, but that they had heard that there were people in the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu who were.

Mr Maitra was invited on board a Sri Lankan navy patrol boat to continue the discussions while his little armada beached on islands in the strait.

Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, the Sri Lankan Minister of National Security, welcomed the end of the confrontation, saying: "Good sense has prevailed."

But some diplomatic observers considered that the withdrawal by the Indians was only a temporary phase, and that they could return tomorrow, with a different attitude.

## Doctor's report says Iranian envoy 'healthy'

By Ian Smith

The Foreign Office will today be asked to instigate a formal investigation into allegations that the Iranian vice consul, Mr Ahmad Ghasemi was severely beaten by police when arrested following a car chase along crowded suburban roads.

The diplomatic demand is based on a medical report prepared for the Consul General in Manchester by a local doctor called to examine Mr Ghasemi at his home in Riverton Road, East Didsbury a week ago. Consular officials have told the Foreign Office that injuries suffered by Mr Ghasemi were so severe they almost caused his death.

The medical report, a copy of which is now in the hands of *The Times*, lists the injuries as welts to both wrists and swollen testicles. The recommended treatment was "rest and Paracetamol painkillers". The doctor's examination took place at 9.15pm, approximately three hours after Mr Ghasemi, aged 29, appeared before Manchester City magistrates accused of stealing £7,350 worth of goods from three city centre department stores, assaulting a police officer, damaging his wrist-watch and reckless driving.

According to a consulate spokesman, Mr Saeed Nikfarjam, the vice consul was told by the doctor that the injuries he had sustained might well have caused his death.

The typed six-paragraph report, written on June 1, describes how the doctor was called to Mr Ghasemi's home where he found the diplomat lying in bed looking a little tense and complaining of headache and severe pains in the groin. Mr Ghasemi also complained of pains all over, particularly with the anterior part of his lower rib cage by laterally and in the left loin.

On examination, continues the report, the doctor found a slim healthy young man.

Significant findings, says the report, were small welts at both wrists with one pin-point abrasion on the right wrist and a 2in by 1in left scrotal mass which was fluctuant and tender,

probably a scrotal haematoma (a blood clot in the scrotum).

The doctor said there were no signs of head injury or of bony injury anywhere and no visible sign of any other bruising or trauma.

"I reassured Mr Ghasemi that the pain would settle and recommended a scrotal support, rest in bed and Paracetamol as a pain-killer," continued the report. "I would expect Mr Ghasemi to return to full health within two to three weeks, though the left scrotal swelling may persist for several weeks longer than this."

The doctor advised if the scrotal swelling failed to resolve, the case should be reviewed by a doctor to

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## NEWS SUMMARY

## Abortion choice given to doctors

A High Court judge gave doctors the right to choose yesterday whether a severely mentally handicapped woman incapable of giving her consent should have an abortion. Mr Justice Reeve ruled in the Family Division that it would not be unlawful to carry out the operation just because the unnamed woman suffering from Down's syndrome lacked capacity to give informed consent.

The decision given in camera after hearing that a termination was in the woman's best interests, was revealed by lawyers with his consent. They said there was a substantial risk of the baby being deformed.

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## Boost for Bull Ring Record damages

Part of Birmingham's 23-year-old Bull Ring shopping centre could be demolished to make way for a £100 million development to revitalize the area.

The scheme, announced yesterday, was greeted by Mr Fred Chapman, chairman of Birmingham's planning committee, as the "rebirth" of the centre. He said the scheme would take the Bull Ring into the twenty-first century.

The project has been put forward by London and Edinburgh Trust, the new owners of the Bull Ring.

## Record damages

A former Royal Navy officer was awarded a record £430,000 in libel damages in the High Court in London yesterday against a Greek newspaper with a British circulation of 50.

Lieutenant Commander Martin Packard, who now lives in Malta, had been accused in the newspaper *Ekathimeri* of having been a double agent during the 1960 Greek military dictatorship. The award was made against Dr Giannis Andrikopoulos, of Dingwall Gardens, Golders Green, north-west London, and the editor and publishers.

## Scott leads climb

Doug Scott, the mountaineer, is to lead an assault on the unclimbed K2, the world's second highest peak, in spite of suffering eight broken ribs in a riding accident.

Mr Scott, who returned to his home at Heskett Newmarket, Cumbria, after 10 days in hospital, said yesterday that he would join the seven-man team, including his son, aged 24, on its departure for Pakistan next week.

## Dimbleby takes over

Jonathan Dimbleby is to succeed John Timpson as chairman of BBC Radio 4's *Any Questions?* when the programme returns in September.

Mr Dimbleby, aged 42, the presenter of Thames Television's *This Week*, will be only the fourth regular chairman in the 39 years of the programme, which travels more than 12,000 miles every year.

The longest-staying chairman was Freddie Grisewood (19 years) and David Jacobs (16 years). Mr Timpson succeeded Mr Jacobs in 1984.



## Moult left £750,000

Ted Moul, the farmer and broadcaster who shot himself during a bout of depression, left estate valued at £753,013. Mr Moul, aged 60, died at his farm in Ticknall, Derbyshire, after worrying about his crops, the bad weather and a planned appearance in a pantomime. He had been receiving medical treatment for depression.

The estate roughly reflects the value of the farm. Mr Moul's solicitor, Mr John Horton, said.

Mrs Marie Moul, his widow, no longer lives at the farm.

## Husband given wife's kidney in transplant

By Robert Matthews

What is believed to be the world's first kidney transplant from a woman to her husband has been carried out at the Royal Free Hospital, in London.

Mrs Janet Price, aged 51, donated one of her kidneys to her husband Ray, aged 54, who would otherwise have faced a lifetime of kidney dialysis.

By what surgeons consider to be a million-to-one chance, Mrs Price's kidney turned out to be an exact tissue match to that of her husband. Such a match is rarely found, even with blood relatives. Mr Price rejected the offer of a kidney from his son Stephen, aged 30, before he knew about the closeness of the match with his wife.

"My husband didn't want me to do it, as he said he would never forgive himself if something went wrong. However, the hospital said that they hadn't lost one yet, so we went ahead", Mrs Price said yesterday, before the operation.

She said that it was not certain whether her husband would be able to take up employment after the transplant. "We've just got to look after each other", she said.

Following the death of the Islamic art historian, Anthony Hunt, some 18 months ago, a part of his important and superb collection has now been released by his mother to a Wellesley Briscoe and Partners Limited for a

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He had been educated at All Hall's and Worcester Colleges, Oxford, after a period on the Stock Exchange, travelling, and running his own art gallery in London, he returned to academic studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, where he increased and refined his knowledge of the art of the Middle East. His studies led to several periods in the Middle East where he also served as Assistant Director of the British Institute of Persian Studies in Tehran.

His academic studies, writings and acquisitions were especially related to Iran where he collected and travelled extensively. His long association with the major Islamic festivals, especially those in London in 1977 and 1978, which he was instrumental in organising, and the International Carpet Conference, meant that exceptionally important and magnificent collections passed through his hands.

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## BAe beaten by US in bid for space TV satellites

By Robert Matthews

British Aerospace has failed to win a £200 million contract because it could not guarantee meeting the deadlines demanded. The contract, for space-based television satellites, was awarded to the US-based Hughes Aircraft Company by the network's operators, British Satellite Broadcasting (BSB). The third competitor was Comsat, a US government satellite agency.

BSB, which won the franchise for the UK's first channel direct broadcast satellite (dbs) TV service from the

Independent Broadcasting Authority last December, had demanded that the first satellite be in orbit by Autumn 1989, in time for the Christmas peak viewing season.

But according to Mr Graham Grist, the acting head of BSB, only the two American bidders guaranteed the deadline.

"British Aerospace felt that they couldn't give a contractual commitment to that date", said Mr Grist. Nor was the company prepared to match the financial package offered by the two American bidders.

Despite the impossibility of getting insurance for satellite launches, Hughes has undertaken to pay for the satellite if it blows up.

And the American company has agreed to supply a large amount of so-called "non-recurse" finance for the project, which means that BSB's shareholders will not have to guarantee repayment to Hughes.

This was a crucial factor for BSB, according to Mr Grist. "We are a company starting from nothing, and we have to raise money to get going. So it

is not just cost, but how we pay it that matters, and whether the shareholders have to guarantee that payments must be made", he said.

Without such a financial package potential investors in BSB could well be deterred from backing the venture, he believed.

The investors, which include the Granada group, Pearson, Virgin and Anglia Television, were expected to have to come up with around £250 million, but this figure is now likely to be substantially reduced.

British Aerospace countered critics of its handling of the bid by saying that it had offered to lend money without security to BSB by deferring the payment of several tens of millions of pounds for five to six years.

But, said BAE, "It became apparent that this was insufficient, and that BAE would have had to at least double this unsecured lending".

In so doing the company would have been staking a great deal on the success of BSB.

## Nalogo's election leaflets illegal

By Tim Jones

The local government union Nalogo was yesterday ordered to remove billboards and to stop distributing leaflets critical of the Government which had formed the basis of a £1 million campaign arguing for more money to be spent on public services.

In the High Court, the Vice Chancellor, Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, said he was in no doubt that the main message of the leaflets distributed by the National and Local Government Officers' Association was that people should vote against the Conservatives.

He granted an injunction to two Conservative trade union members, Mr Alan Paul, of the union's Wakefield metropolitan district branch, and Mr Simon Fraser, a Wands-worth branch member, prohibiting the union from pursuing its Make People Matter campaign on the ground that it was unlawful under the Trade Union Act 1913.

The campaign, which had begun in January, was designed to coincide with the local elections in May and the run-up to the general election. The union had deliberately concentrated the campaign on marginal Conservative seats.

Sir Nicholas said the leaflets contained nothing critical of any party other than the Conservative Party and ran down the record of the Government since 1979.

He said: "The inference from the leaflet is really overwhelming. The only rational meaning is to vote against the Conservative Party".

Nalogo, with 750,000 members, is not affiliated to a political party nor does it have a political fund.

During the hearing, the court was told that leaders of the union had endorsed a motion pledging full support for the electoral removal of the Conservative Government, in apparent violation of Nalogo's political independence.

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## New move to save college

by Sarah Thompson Education Reporter

A new face-saving proposal for the troubled University College, Cardiff, which could stop the college forfeiting a £10 million hand-out from the Government, has been put forward by the University of Wales.

Financial mismanagement has been blamed for an accumulated debt of £4.5 million, which is forecast to rise to £17 million in 1989-90 unless urgent action is taken.

Strings attached to the £10 million offer include the sacking of the principal, Dr Bill Bevan, and the complete overhaul of financial affairs under the close scrutiny of the University Grants Committee.

Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, UGC chairman, said this week that the college must accept a takeover proposal from the nearby University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology by 19 June or be forced to close.

But Dr Gareth Owen, vice-chancellor of Wales University, and principal of University College, Aberystwyth, has proposed that the principal of UWIST should take over as principal of UCC in the first instance, continuing as head of a joint institution when the merger takes place.

The proposals are more acceptable to UCC's senate and council than a straightforward UWIST offer to put UCC staff under contract to UWIST - which UCC staff fear will mean heavy job losses.

The UCC senate has reluctantly agreed to accept UWIST's principal, Dr Aubrey Trotman-Dickenson, but the college council refuses to accept a new principal except by a majority vote of the two college councils.

## Stoppard case youths bailed

Three youths who admitted assaulting the son of Tom Stoppard, the playwright, at a private school, were released yesterday on bail pending reports at the Central Criminal Court.

The court was told that John Freeman, a former pupil aged 17, of Warwick Road, Earl's Court, William Gerhauser, aged 17, of Ovington Gardens, Chelsea, and Ottmar Mosbacher, aged 18, of Rutledge Gate, Knightsbridge, conducted a campaign of "considerable intimidation" against Barnaby Stoppard, aged 16.

## Trident plan moves ahead costing £50m every month

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

Work has begun on a crucial section of the fourth submarine in the Trident nuclear missile programme which is now costing about £50 million a month, it was confirmed yesterday.

The latest breakdown of Trident expenditure was disclosed in a report by the former Commons defence committee published yesterday, and shows that the financial commitment to the new system, which will replace Polaris, is increasing at a rapid rate.

Although the Government has so far ordered only one submarine, HMS Vanguard, a separate contract signed in 1984 with Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering for the construction of the missile tubes means that work has begun on the other submarines.

According to the defence committee report, the materials for the missile tubes for the fourth submarine, known as SSBN 08, were scheduled to have arrived last month, with manufacturing work beginning this month.

A spokesman for Vickers at Barrow in Cumbria confirmed yesterday that work had just started on the missile tubes on the last of the four Trident submarines. The tubes, which dwarf the ones used for Polaris, are crucial long-lead items that need to be completed before work is finished on the submarine hulls.

The committee was told by the Ministry of Defence that the missile tubes for the first submarine, which, unlike the other three, are being supplied by the United States, will be completed this August. The tubes for the next three, which are being built by Vickers, will be ready by April 1988, August 1989 and December 1990 respectively.

Yesterday's report revealed that up to January 31 this year £22 million had been spent on

the second submarine, SSBN 06, £3 million on SSBN 07 and £21 million on SSBN 08. The extra expenditure for the fourth submarine reflects the purchase of spare parts that will be available for the whole construction programme.

The committee estimated that the order for the second Trident submarine, which is expected later this year unless Labour wins the election, would push the cost of the programme in 1988-89 to £925, representing 5.2 per cent of the defence budget and 11.5 per cent of the equipment budget.

Even though the pressure on the defence budget had continued to grow, the burden imposed by the Trident programme had not increased because the estimate of overall costs had recently declined.

In January, Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, announced that the estimated cost had been reduced by £546 million to £9,265 million because of favourable exchange rates and genuine savings arising from hard bargaining with the United States.

The Ministry of Defence told the committee that there had been delays in some of the new production facilities at Aldermaston, the atomic weapons research establishment where the Trident warhead is being designed.

The committee said that if the delays were to affect the in-service date for Trident, it would be necessary for one of the Polaris submarines, HMS Resolution, to undergo a fourth refit.

A report published by Scientists Against Nuclear Arms yesterday claims that during 1988-93 Trident would take up between a quarter and a third of spending on new military equipment, leading to major cuts in conventional expenditure.

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## Electricians back nuclear power

By Tim Jones

The electricians' union overwhelmingly rejected yesterday Labour's commitment to gradually phasing out nuclear power stations, despite its desire to return the party to power.

Although one delegate at the union's conference in Blackpool described the vote as a "kick in the teeth for Kinnock", the decision was not unexpected.

Apart from practical objections, some union members are concerned over the implications of a future energy policy based primarily on coal and subject to the influence of Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers.

Delegates to last year's Labour Party conference supported Mr Kinnock over his declared objective of a phased shut-down of the nuclear power industry over 20 years.

Speaking for the executive committee of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, Mr Frank Chapman said he was sure the TUC's review of

nuclear power, which should be completed in time for September's congress, would favour an energy programme which included nuclear power.

He gave a warning that scrapping such power would increase costs by up to 30 per cent and bring the danger of power cuts. In addition, he said, the future of 200,000 jobs would be put in jeopardy.

Another delegate, Mr Michael Barr, said: "If the Labour Party is serious about putting people back to work, it cannot contemplate closing the nuclear power industry with such a serious loss of jobs".

Forty jobs officers working on the site of a new power station and packets coming in from overseas have stepped up their industrial action which has led to a backlog of about 150,000 items at the Mount Pleasant sorting office in north London.

They claimed that the Board of Customs and Excise ordered the release, without checks, of about 95,000 items.

## In pursuit of the unbelievable on Derby Day

By Robin Young

Trying to stop the British public losing money on Derby Day is a bit like asking rain clouds not to leak.

It was, however, the task Mr Alan Renner, Surrey's assistant county trading standards officer, set himself yesterday. With a team of 10 assistants he trawled Epsom Downs in search of counterfeit goods and unscrupulous traders.

Not everyone goes to Epsom to watch the races. Tradition dictates that on Derby Day, and on the previous Sunday, there is a big market on the Downs. Punters not interested in horse flesh

can try their luck buying anything from a dinner service to a garden barbecue.

This year there were 600 stalls arranged in three avenues on the hill opposite the grandstand. Filling the space between the open-topped double decker buses in the Lonsdale enclosure and the beer tents. Business was brisk even during the big race.

Mr Renner and his squad tried to police the traders' activities from an unmarked van in the police compound, behind the fifth Genuine Gypsy Rose Lee on the left. Gipsies, genuine or otherwise, Mr Renner said, were the least of his problems.

"I don't know of any regulations to govern what they are doing", he said. "We need to have some reference point."

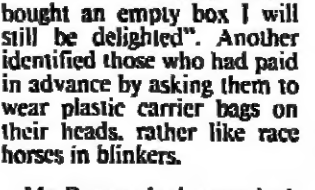
Neither can he do much about mock auctioneers, eight of whom attracted big audiences throughout the day. "I wouldn't say these goods were stolen", one cried. "It's just that they're not paid for."

Mr Renner said he would need many officers, photographers, recorders and the assistance of the police to have any hope of prosecuting them. "In fact the police are not very interested", he said.

The auctioneers proved the gullibility of their average

punters by asking them to pay £10 for unseen goods. One made his audience solemnly vow: "If I find that I have bought an empty box I will still be delighted". Another identified those who had paid in advance by asking them to wear plastic carrier bags on their heads, rather like race horses in blinkers.

Mr Renner had more luck with stalls selling "nine carat gold" jewellery and counterfeit audio cassette tapes (£2 each). A pocket magnet sufficed to identify the cheap base metal jewellery and badly printed labels gave away the cassettes. Goods worth nearly £3,000 at the traders' asking prices were seized in five raids



Mr Harry Djanogly, a concerned industrialist



Workers at Smithfield meat market hold a meeting at the Rotunda.

## Smithfield faces total shutdown

By David Sapsed

Crisis talks will be held tomorrow to try to stop a shutdown of Smithfield, Britain's biggest meat market, in a dispute over union power to tell firms whom to hire.

Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU), intervened yesterday after two-thirds of the 62 firms at Smithfield had been temporarily blocked.

Earlier, trading had been interrupted by two meetings and two walk-outs.

Although the confrontation centres on one company, Allied Meat Importers (AMI), it has brought to a head a two-year dispute on which the market's future hinges.

The City of London Corporation is prepared to

embark on a multi-million pound refurbishment but, in 1985, set a pre-condition that existing restrictive practices must end. No agreement has been reached.

Yesterday, Mr Peter Marinelli, general manager of AMI at Smithfield, threatened to unload a consignment of beef with non-union labour.

The Tenants' Association yesterday passed a resolution supporting AMI "in the principle of freedom of choice in employing labour". Another threatened that, if there were further strikes, staff would not be re-employed on the same basis.

It is not clear whether the 500 union members will agree, pending Friday's talks, to work for companies backing Mr Marinelli.

## City technology colleges

## Vision of a self-made man

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Mr Harry Djanogly, who has contributed £1 million from his personal fortune to help set up a city technology college in Nottingham, describes himself as a "simple industrialist who wants to see some good happen".

He is chairman of Nottingham Manufacturing, a textile company with 12,000 employees, which was recently absorbed into the Coats Viyella group.

Mr Djanogly is a self-made man who ascribes his success to three things: "hard work, very hard work and bloody hard work".

The business was started in 1935 by Mr Djanogly's father and uncle, who set up a stocking factory in a Nissan hut in Mansfield. They were Russian Jews who had fled from Moscow to Germany in 1917 and on to Britain when the Nazis came to power.

"They had no money and no English", Mr Djanogly said. "But they did have skills and they knew how to work hard."

Mr Djanogly left school to

join the firm when he was aged 16. He studied textile engineering and accountancy at night school.

His interest in education arises from his difficulties in recruiting school-leavers with the skills he requires. "I am a practical manager, not an educationist. All I can look at is the end product", he said.

"It is obvious that young people, especially those who

are not O-level material, need vocational training. At 16 they are ill-equipped for the modern world. They need mechanical, computing and electrical skills and modern languages. But they have not got them and it is very sad."

Six months ago, Mr Djanogly, like 2,000 other businessmen, received a letter signed by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science. It asked for financial backing for a pilot network of city technology colleges.

"I was so delighted to get it that I wrote to him at once and then I went to see him", Mr Djanogly said. "Now I feel quite passionate about the idea. I am convinced it will revolutionize young people's attitudes. I believe a close relationship between schools and industry is vital for the future prosperity of Britain."

Mr Djanogly hopes the Nottingham college will open in September 1989. "I would like to be involved with the school", he said. "Maybe they will ask me to be a governor."

Any money that was saved on defective electric kettles, shoddy toasters and counterfeit Lacoste shirts would have been most welcome but was probably squandered on rank outsiders. Reference points are not the race-going shoppers' strongest suit.



# I will test the Aids vaccine on myself, says research chief

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The prospect of a British vaccine for Aids being developed ahead of the rest of the world are increasingly bright, one of the leading researchers involved confirmed yesterday.

Professor William Jarrett, a veterinary researcher at Glasgow University, also told of his willingness to test the vaccine on himself.

The professor has emerged as an important figure in vaccine development at an international conference on the disease in Washington.

He confirmed that the vaccine he and colleagues in Glasgow are producing is likely to have its first human trials later this year or early next year.

He said that human testing is a tradition in medicine, and added: "Of course I will be prepared to do it."

"I believe in the vaccine and if I did not test it on myself it would be wrong to ask others to go through the same process."

"I don't think there is any real risk. I cannot say for certain what effect it might have on the immune system, but there is certainly no chance that I or any other volunteer would develop Aids as a result."

The work, which is being supported by the Medical Research Council, is largely based on Professor Jarrett's successful work on a vaccine for leukaemia in cats, a condition closely related to Aids in humans.

The first trials may involve volunteers drawn from drug addicts in Edinburgh, where levels of infection of the Aids virus are among the most serious in Britain, or from

homosexuals who are at risk from the disease in the South of England.

Professor Jarrett said that there were now solid grounds for optimism about the potential vaccine.

"A year ago there was considerable pessimism, but we have made very good progress since then and although it is still too early to be over confident my belief is that this vaccine will eventually emerge," he said.

One of the main reasons for the progress has been the emergency funding for Aids vaccine research provided by the Government through the Medical Research Council. More than £14.5 million has been committed to a wide range of projects, including the Glasgow work.

In addition, Professor Jarrett said, the MRC had succeeded in minimising delays. "A lot of bureaucratic tape is being cut and although we must still ensure that all the safety factors are respected this is allowing us to move much more quickly," he said.

He said that discussions on how to plan the first human trials of the vaccine are likely to be held in the next few months. If drug addicts in Edinburgh are among the groups chosen to take part in the studies, the only volunteers involved would be those who are not already infected with the Aids virus.

Professor Jarrett said: "There is also a willingness among the homosexual community to assist us in this work. Again we would only consider those who are not already infected as participants in our trials."

In addition to funding from

the MRC, the unit in Glasgow has benefited from private donations amounting to about £250,000. Professor Jarrett said.

He declined to disclose the names of the benefactors, but said their money was being used to help provide better equipment, and more modern laboratories. Some of the money has been used to help build a containment laboratory for the research.

Strict regulations at the laboratory eliminate the risk of the virus escaping and all small pieces of equipment which are used in the research can be destroyed after they have been used.

"What is really exciting about our work is that we know that we have produced a successful vaccine against a very similar disease in cats," he said.

"That is a big moral force and to achieve it in one species of animals strongly suggests that it will work in humans. But we can't prove that yet and the human trials are essential before we know that we are definitely on the right lines."

Professor Jarrett said he and his colleagues were now working seven days a week on the research.

Asked if his wife was concerned about his personal safety if he chose to test the vaccine on himself, he laughed and said: "She has never expressed concern but naturally she is anxious that all the safeguards are observed."

"I think what she hopes for most is that I and other members of the family would stop talking about Aids all the time."



By Richard Ford

A Townsend Thoresen ferry, stuck fast after running aground on a mud bank in dense fog at the entrance to a harbour in Northern Ireland was re-floated yesterday, 10 hours later.

No one was injured when the 5,500 tonne vessel, the *Ionie*, became marooned as it waited to dock at Larne Harbour in Co Antrim. More than a dozen of the nearly 50 passengers aboard the ferry were brought safely ashore after clambering down a rope ladder into a rescue launch.

The remaining passengers and the crew stayed on board the ship until it was re-floated.

The incident occurred only three months after nearly 200 people died when the *Herald of Free Enterprise* capsized at Zeebrugge, of the Belgian coast.

Britain may unilaterally impose a requirement on all roll-on roll-off passenger ferries visiting British ports, foreign and home, to have lights fitted on the bridge to indicate whether bow and stern doors have been closed (Our Transport Correspondent writes).

The fitting of such lights, as well as television monitors, were among the first measures taken by Townsend Thoresen after the *Herald of Free Enterprise* disaster.

It was disclosed at the inquiry into the disaster that the Department of Transport had drawn up a draft regulation, which could be advisory or could make the fitting of bow indicator lights mandatory.

Mr Roger Taggart, principal ship surveyor in the Department of the Surveyor General at the Department of Transport, said that no decision had yet been taken on whether the regulation should be mandatory.

## Absenteeism among nurses

### £15m cost of back injuries

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

More than 40,000 nurses are absent from work for at least one day a year because of back pain, at a cost to the National Health Service of £15 million a year, according to a report from the Royal College of Nursing.

The report, published yesterday, says that a total of 764,000 days are lost each year as a result of back injuries caused by lifting, carrying and supporting patients. Apart from the days lost, the NHS had to bear the costs of hiring additional staff to replace the injured and the cost of treating the nurses.

The document says that back pain is responsible for more than 16 per cent of nurse absenteeism. A study in three hospitals in Salisbury, Wiltshire, found that 59 per cent of nursing staff had had recent back pain, with student nurses suffering most (74 per cent).

Back pain occurred most often as a result of lifting

patients in geriatric and orthopaedic wards. A further study found that such complaints were most likely where nursing shortages were severe.

Dr Duncan Troop, the author of the report, which gives advice on improving handling techniques, said that management was often indirectly to blame.

It was up to managers to ensure that nurses had assistance when lifting patients, that they were trained in how to lift and handle patients correctly and knew how to operate mechanical aids and hoists, he said.

"Nurses who are under emotional stress and low morale are more likely to be victims of back pain", Dr Troop said.

The report, which has been sent to all health authorities, says that they should ensure also that staff are restricted to light duties immediately after

absence caused by such injuries.

It calls for a central unit to be set up to evaluate the design of furniture, equipment and apparatus and to monitor and initiate research into back injuries.

*The handling of back pain*, (Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, London W1, £5.50).

● Mrs Jan Lawton, a former nurse at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, claims that patients are more comfortable propped up with bags rather than pillows.

Matchless bags, invented by Mrs Lawton and named after one of her first patients, have been approved by the health service and are used in 120 hospitals.

She claims that the rest of the health service is not prepared to swap its pillows for the bags, which mould themselves to the contours of the body and, she says, relieve pain. *Health*, page 14

## Portfolio Gold

### Winner to see family overseas

Two winners share the Portfolio Gold competition prize of £4,000 and one plans to visit South Africa to see her two sisters and their families.

Miss Jane Hughes, aged 43, an executive secretary with a medical society, of Warwick Avenue, Harrow, Middlesex, said she would spend the money on a trip to South Africa at Christmas.

Miss Hughes has been playing the competition since it began and is a regular reader of *The Times*.

Mrs Madge Abram, a widow, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon said she intended to spend the money on a new television and home improvements.

The widow of an Army chaplain, Mrs Abram has also played the competition since it started and taken *The Times* since her youth.

Readers can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to:

Portfolio Gold,  
The Times,  
Blackburn,  
BB1 6AJ.

## Riddle of soldier's hanging

Army medical staff who fought to save the life of a teenage soldier found hanging by a bed sheet thought it peculiar that the knotted sheet appeared too short for someone to hang himself from, an inquest was told yesterday.

Captain Susan Bevan told the inquest at Hythe, Kent, into Private Jeffrey Singh, aged 17, that she had been puzzled by his death.

Private Singh's body was found in a toilet block at Stormont Barracks, Folkestone, Kent, last January.

Captain Bevan was asked: "Is it possible that Singh was lifted by one person, or several, and his head put in a loosely-tied noose?" She replied: "I don't know."

She told the jury that she was summoned by Corporal Steven Barden, Private Singh's section commander.

The inquest has been told that minutes before Private Singh, of Northcote Road, Southall, Middlesex, was found dead, Corporal Barden had discovered that he had been interviewed by senior officers in connection with an investigation into the stealing of sweets and chocolates from recruits.

Junior Leader Simon Claxton told the inquest he heard someone shouting out several times: "For God's sake help, someone come quick". He said he went in and that he had seen Private Singh hanging by the sheet and supported by a corporal, who he later knew as Corporal Barden.

Private Singh was several feet off the ground and the sheet was wrapped several times around a heating pipe.

In reply to Mr Brian Smith, the coroner, he said: "I thought it was quite obvious what had happened. He had hung himself and the corporal was supporting him." The inquest continues today.

## Bank held up inquiry say police

Strict observance of the rules by a high street bank is holding up investigation of an incident in which a gang bullied a woman aged 70 into giving them her £5,000 life savings, detectives said yesterday.

The men, described as rough, gypsy-like, and "dripping with jewels" laid tarmac on the woman's drive, in Pangbourne, Berkshire, at an agreed price of £400 but bullied her into signing a cheque for £5,775.

The woman tried to stop it but the gang cut her telephone line. It was presented for special clearance to the National Westminster Bank, Newbury, which refused to tell police the identity of the depositor.

Thames Valley Police said yesterday: "An order is being obtained from Reading Crown Court."

## Gruesome tale of pub wine

Good wine is still almost impossible to find in British public houses, according to a survey for the Consumers' Association published in *Which?* magazine today.

It reports that wine in public houses varies from "most acceptable to gruesome, foul, good for cleaning drains or stripping varnish", with prices ranging from 31p to £1.07 for the same measure.

## Getty, the great benefactor

By Geraldine Norman  
Sale Room Correspondent

Mr John Paul Getty Jr, the reclusive patron of the arts, was named Benefactor of the Year by the National Art Collections Fund (NACF) last night at a special gala dinner at the Savoy Hotel in London.

Prince Charles was to have presented Mr Getty with the medal struck for the occasion but Mr Getty was unable to attend because of illness.

The medal, sculpted with a classical warrior's head, is the work of a young sculptress called Nicola Moss. Three have been cast, one each for the first three years' benefactors and one for the British Museum, "for the record".

"We wanted to find a way to honour these people" said Sir Peter Wakefield, the NACF director. "Giving to the arts doesn't occur to people that often."

The five winners of NACF awards for outstanding

contributions to the arts in the regions were also announced.

Mr Peter Senior of Manchester, Mr Peter Davies of Newcastle, Mr Chris Carrell of Glasgow, Gillian Wolfe of London and Mr Charles Brooking of Guildford.

The award is sponsored by Slough Estates, and the winners each receive £5,000.

Mr Getty has made a series of extraordinary arts benefactions over the last few years, including:

• £50m to the National Gallery to establish an endowment fund to help bolster their purchasing power.

• £17m to British film institutions, including the establishment of the Museum of the Moving Image, a new headquarters for the British Film Institute and funds for a storage centre.

• £2m to the Imperial War Museum.

• £400,000 towards the £1.8m needed to purchase

Duccio's *Crucifixion* for Manchester.

• £200,000 towards the £3m needed to purchase Bernini's marble bust of Cardinal del Pozzo for Edinburgh.

• £100,000 to enable the Tower of London to buy the Littlecote Civil War armoury.

• £50,000 towards the £300,000 needed to purchase Rysbrack's bust of Shakespeare for Birmingham.

To streamline the channelling of money to needy causes he established a charitable trust two years ago with an endowment of £20m.

Mr Getty chooses the causes that he personally supports with great originality. He has contributed £1m towards the construction of a new stand at Lord's cricket ground, £500,000 to restore medieval buildings in the grounds of Ely Cathedral, as well as helping the families of striking miners during the miners' strike.

## House prices up 14.7%

By Christopher Warman  
Property Correspondent

House prices have remained buoyant this spring, increasing 14.7 per cent in the past 12 months, the Halifax Building Society reported yesterday.

That is a slight rise on the 14.5 per cent annual increase announced a month ago.

At the same time, Britain's housebuilders gave a warning that the increasing cost of suitable land is forcing first-time buyers out of the market.

The Halifax house price index shows that the price of new houses rose by 10.9 per cent in the past 12 months, with the average price standing at nearly £53,800. Prices paid by first-time buyers have risen by 14.6 per cent in the past year, the highest level since the index began in 1983.

The highest inflation level continues to be in Greater London, at 26 per cent in the past year, and the South-east (25 per cent), but the greatest recent increase is in East Anglia, where prices have gone up by 21 per cent, 9 per cent in the past three months. In the North, prices rose by just under 6 per cent, and in Yorkshire and Humberside by 7 per cent.

The booming property market was confirmed by the House Builders Federation, which says that 91 per cent of the respondents to its survey expect to maintain or increase starts above 1986 levels, which were the highest since 1973.

However, Mr Peter Short, the federation's president, said: "While sales are very buoyant at the moment, this will not last for ever. Housebuilders are already unable to satisfy all sections of the market."

Only 31 per cent of new homes were sold to first-time buyers in 1986, compared with 37 per cent in 1985.

## Protest at 'brutal' drug raid

By Michael Horsnell

An English landlady is being held in a Benidorm police cell after allegedly falling victim of a bungled drugs raid by Spanish officers.

Mrs Patricia Dunsford, aged 47, was treated in hospital after the raid on the hostel she runs in the Spanish tourist town, and now faces a charge of obstructing justice.

Her family and business partners have protested about the "brutal" treatment she and a guest at the hostel received during the raid on Tuesday.

The Foreign Office said that the incident was being investigated by Mr J. A. Seth-Smith, the honorary vice-consul. Other Britons may also face charges.

Five officers raided the Busters Hostel in Marques de Camillas after an apparent tip-off about drug dealing from a source at an English "pub" in the town.

They arrested Mrs Dunsford and a man aged 25 from London, who allegedly suffered a broken arm and facial injuries during the raid.

No drugs were found on

him or at the hostel but it was announced that Mrs Dunsford, who is described as a slightly-built woman, would face charges of assault.

She was taken to court yesterday but proceedings failed to go ahead and she was returned to police cells. The assault charges have been dropped.

Her daughter, Miss Sharon Casey, aged 24, was on holiday at the hostel, which has been closed by police.

"My mother is distraught



Mrs Patricia Dunsford, who was arrested in Benidorm.

and verging on the hysterical. All she did was cower away from the police after she saw them beating up the guest they arrested", Miss Casey said yesterday.

"They came in like Nazi stormtroopers, screaming and shouting. None of us speak Spanish and they didn't speak English so we had no idea what was going on. They were so hateful."

"She was so distressed when arrested that the police doctor sent her to hospital. He said she was not fit to be held in the cells but she has been returned since. When I tried to see her they threw me out by the scruff of the neck."

"To speak of drugs at the hostel is ludicrous and I think the police took it out on the guest and my mother when they found none."

Mrs Dunsford bought the hostel with Mr Frederick Valentine, a business partner, three months ago. She moved to Benidorm because she thought she would benefit from the healthier climate after undergoing several operations.

## Rival regiments in crowded pub brawl

By a Staff Reporter

Nearly 80 soldiers from rival regiments were involved in a drunken brawl at a crowded public house in Andover, Hampshire, which trapped terrified civilians.

Three soldiers were arrested and eight were injured after the clash between the 1st Battalion Royal Hampshire Regiment, which has just returned from five months in Northern Ireland, and the 1st Battalion Queen's Regiment, which is embarking on a tour of the province.

The brawl occurred at closing time on Tuesday at The George public house in Andover, near Tidworth where the two units are based, and continued until early the next morning.

Customers were caught between the two sides as bottles, glasses, chairs and tables were thrown in the public bar. Windows in the town were smashed as the fighting spilled on to the streets.

The police called out regi-

mental and military police who arrived in trucks to assist in containing the men.

The Hampshire police said: "They had been hanging around the town all afternoon waiting for the pub to open. It seems they staged some kind of contest to see who was the tougher and innocent people got caught up in it."

"It was like a battlefield in there. They used whatever they could lay their hands on to throw."

Mr John Higgs, landlord of the public house, said: "One officer put his head around the corner and then got out again to get help. We controlled them and got them out but the fighting really got going outside the pub."

The arrested men were handed over by the police, who will not lay charges, to their military colleagues. Commanding officers of both regiments apologized to the landlord and offered to pay the cost of damages.

## Only Connect — not yet an acceptable motto

By Howard Foster

The slogan the promotional video shouted at the launch of Barclays' new Connect Card yesterday had been "the cheque you don't have to write".

Around the corner at Mappin & Webb, the jewellers, the much-trumpeted direct debit card represented "the cheque we aren't going to accept".

Day One of the great step forward towards the cashless society found most shop assistants either bemused or willing but uninformed about the new card, which Barclays hopes will supersede the chequebook in the next decade.

A much-publicized dispute

between retailers and Barclays about how much commission shops should pay to the bank is still reverberating around the high streets.

At the Cheapside branch of Dixons, the camera and hi-fi store, in the City of London, Mr Mike Conry, the manager, had only heard that morning that he and his staff could take the Connect card.

Mr Conry posed for the cameras as Mrs Julia Johnston, a Barclays supervisor, offered her card. He ran off a receipt on the traditional card machine. Had the purchase exceeded £250 he guessed that the same rules that applied to Visa cards would be invoked — a call to check that

the customer's credit rating was acceptable to Barclays.

"We got the OK to accept the Connect card half an hour before you came", Mr Conry said.

"We honestly still don't know the limit of these cards and hope that we will hear soon."

At Boots near by, tent Mr John Moore, a shop assistant, was smarting over what he imagined was a check by Barclays staff to see if the pharmaceutical chain was accepting Connect. "They came in and bought something for just over £1," he said. "Who would use a card for that?"

At Mappin & Webb of Cheapside, the response was different. Mr Gray Towse, the

manager, said: "Until we hear from Sears, our overall bosses, or Barclays, we won't accept this new card."

A Mappin & Webb head office spokesman, who was in the shop at the time rejected Mrs Johnston's explanation that the Visa sign in the window held good for the Connect card.

"We're sorry about this. We haven't sorted things out with Barclays yet and until we do we won't take the new card."

E.M. Forster's famous remark in rather different circumstances, was "Only connect", only Connect is still not enough.



## WORLD SUMMARY

## Zimbabwe frees British TV man

Harare (AP) — Zimbabwe police yesterday signed release papers to free Mr Tim Leach, the British producer for Worldwide Television, after 12 days in detention for alleged links to South African raids on neighbouring black-ruled states, lawyers said.

Police detained him on May 23, saying he was a threat to the Government and people of Zimbabwe in that he concealed prior knowledge of the April 1987 raid by the South Africans on African National Congress targets in Livingstone, Zambia, from the Zimbabwean authorities.

His lawyer said Mr Leach freely admitted that he was in Livingstone at the time of the attack.

## Kremlin's 'Last act' plane talk in Lyons

Moscow — Some of the Kremlin-imposed limitations on glasnost were lifted yesterday when the Soviet public was at last told that a plane had landed in Red Square (Christopher Walker writes).

Previous accounts, referring simply to a landing in Moscow, led many Russians to dismiss the reports of a Red Square landing as fantasy.

The breakthrough in glasnost was achieved by *Moscow News*, which printed an eyewitness account by a Soviet citizen.

## India border skirmish

Dhaka — At least 11 people were killed, 10 wounded and 30 houses destroyed when Indian border security forces crossed the frontier in south-eastern Bangladesh after a brief border skirmish, Interior Ministry officials said yesterday (Ahmed Fazl writes).

Mr I.H. Chaudha, the Indian High Commissioner, was handed a protest note by Mr Humayun Rasheed Choudhury, the Bangladesh Foreign Minister, accusing the Indian authorities of an unprovoked border violation.

## Race clash 2 die in charges oil blast

Singapore (Reuters) — Four men, including a policeman, have been held for trying to incite racial clashes last month on the anniversary of riots in 1969 between Chinese and Malays in Malaysia, the Government said.

It said the four Malay men had spread rumours and placed "charms" on weapons in anticipation of racial strife.

## Sri Lanka envoy



## Ceasefire extended

Moscow — Dr Najib, the leader of the Soviet-backed Afghan Government, has announced that the six-month unilateral ceasefire with Muslim guerrillas implemented on January 15 will now be extended when its initial period ends in the middle of next month (Christopher Walker writes).

The Afghan leader disclosed his decision to extend the shaky truce which has been flatly rejected by the seven main guerrilla groupings — in an interview published yesterday in the weekly *Moscow News*.

## Venice offers Reagan relief from Irangate

From Christopher Thomas Washington

President Reagan left for the Venice economic summit yesterday saying, as the Marine Band gave him a send-off from the White House, that the talks would strengthen Western solidarity. It is his first extended foreign trip since the Iran-Contra scandal came to light in November.

The summit, which begins on Monday, will be used by Mr Reagan's aides to try to deflect media attention from the tide of embarrass-

ing publicity that has dogged him since the Iran-Contra hearings began nearly five weeks ago.

"At Venice we will talk about how to improve East-West relations," Mr Reagan said on the White House lawn yesterday, his wife Nancy at his side. "We will discuss arms reduction, human rights problems, regional conflicts and bilateral co-operation." He is also planning to deliver a strong warning that protectionism against US exports could lead to an American backlash.

"The point will be driven home," he said earlier this week in an obvious reference to Japan and West Germany. The time was fast approaching for a co-ordinated attack on market-distorting policies.

Mr Reagan intends to ask allied leaders what contributions they plan to make towards the security operation in the Gulf. It is likely that he will focus on financial contributions rather than an increased allied military presence.

With France and Britain already

represented militarily in the region, the focus will be on Japan to say how it plans to contribute. Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, suggested that Japan might make a financial contribution.

Mr Reagan will travel to Rome on Saturday for an audience with the Pope, returning to Washington next Friday via Bonn and Berlin. He noted yesterday that 40 years ago the Marshall Plan had extended a hand of hope both to allies and former enemies. He pointed out that the

Soviet Union and other Eastern bloc countries had declined to take part in the programme.

Mr Reagan said that the major questions facing the leaders in Venice next week would be how to make the next 40 years as prosperous as the past 40. "Some of the answers to these questions are clear. Our countries should move forward to end unsustainable trade imbalances, reform agricultural policies and restore stability to international currency markets."

## Lawson to urge better deal on debts for poor African nations

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain is to press for a far more generous deal for Africa's poorest countries at next week's Venice economic summit of the seven leading industrialized nations.

The summit is to be attended by the Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary and Chancellor as well as leaders from the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Italy and Canada.

A plan to wipe the slate clean, cancelling much of the debts, will be the main British initiative at the three-day meeting. It was formulated by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, and first mooted at a meeting of the International Monetary Fund in April. He told *The Times* that he planned to give it a "significant push".

An Oxfam adviser, Mr John Clark, said that the charity endorsed the plan. Diplomatic sources in London said it was likely to find broad approval as an idea whose time has come. The Italians and French, who have their own proposals, will expect some of the credit.

The Chancellor will argue that the developed world has been so preoccupied with huge sums owed by large Latin American nations that it has overlooked the grinding poverty of sub-Saharan Africa. Much of the £600 billion outstanding is owed to Western banks by medium-income countries such as Brazil, Mexico, and Argentina.

In an interview with *The Times*, he said that sub-Saharan countries should be treated as a separate case. Because most of their debts are owed to Western governments, not banks, they can be written off more easily.

He proposes that the Seven should convert loans into grants. Britain has already converted debts totalling £1 billion under a programme started by the last Labour Government, but at the last count £103 million was still outstanding.

Mr Lawson's second and third elements are that governments should subsidize the interest rates of certain other debts and allow them to be rescheduled over much longer periods. These are mostly export credits — loans guar-

anteed by governments and linked to specific contracts.

Other Third World countries would continue to fall under the case-by-case plan formulated by Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, nearly two years ago. Under this some debtor nations are encouraged to adopt growth-producing economic policies as a condition for assistance from the International Monetary Fund.

"Middle-income countries have the capacity to service their considerable indebtedness if they get their economics right," Mr Lawson said.

It is quite different in the grindingly poor sub-Saharan countries, where there is not the wealth in the first place.

Mr Lawson believes that steps taken to reduce the risk to commercial banks posed by middle-income debtors have been successful. These began in September 1982 with the first Mexican debt crisis and are still continuing.

● BRUSSELS: M Jacques Delors, the President of the European Commission, yesterday gave a gloomy assessment of the prospects for Western economic solidarity at the summit and deplored European disunity in particular (Richard Owen writes).

He also called on the EEC states to put an end to their "family squabbling". With four out of the seven summit nations belonging to the EEC it was time Europe spoke for once with a single voice, M Delors said.

M Delors's pessimistic views on the prospects of Western economic growth, co-operation over currency fluctuations and Third World indebtedness will irritate Mrs Thatcher.

On the eve of the election, Mrs Thatcher is looking for an upbeat message from Venice, not only on East-West relations — assured by the imminent deal at the Geneva talks on intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) — but also on economic strategy.

Mrs Thatcher and M Delors have been at loggerheads since the EEC summit in London in December, when the Prime Minister brusquely dismissed M Delors's ambitious plans for reforming the EEC budget and shifting resources to the poorer southern states.

The deal must still be approved by the Federal Parliament and each of the provincial legislatures.

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## French throw ring of steel around terror trial



Armed French police in bullet-proof vests arriving at the court in Paris yesterday where three members of the extreme-left terrorist group, Action Directe, went on trial before a special non-jury tribunal composed of seven judges.

It is only the second time that the newly-constituted court has been used (Diana Geddes writes from Paris).

Régis Schleicher, aged 30, and two brothers, Claude and Nicolas Halphen, aged 31 and 24, are accused of murdering two policemen in a shoot-out in the city on May 31, 1983.

Their trial last December before an ordinary jury court had to be called off for want of sufficient jury members after Schleicher had threatened the jury with "the rigours of proletarian justice".

It was then that the Government decided to make retroactive the new law setting up the special, centralized, non-jury court for trying terrorist cases. Georges Ibrahim Abdallah, leader of the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction (FARL), was sentenced to life imprisonment by the court.

Schleicher, who is considered one of the leaders of Action Directe, is married to Joëlle Aubron, one of four Action Directe militants arrested by police in a dramatic swoop on a remote farmhouse in the Loiret last February. The four have been accused of the murder in Paris last year of the head of Renault, M Georges Besse.

As for the Abdallah trial, all lawyers, journalists and members of the public entering the Central Paris Criminal Court yesterday were subjected to body searches.

## Chirac ultimatum to rebel minister provokes crisis

From Diana Geddes, Paris

A dangerous political crisis was threatening the French right-wing coalition Government yesterday after the ultimatum issued by M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, to his young and highly ambitious Minister of Culture, M François Léotard, to stop acting like a political militant or leave the Government.

M Léotard, aged 45, who leads one of the main coalition parties, the Parti Républicain, has said he will give his reply to M Chirac on Saturday at the 10th anniversary celebrations of his party in Fréjus, the Mediterranean town of which he is mayor.

Opinions were divided yesterday as to whether M Léotard, who has frequently made clear his presidential ambitions, would resign, possibly taking up to six of the seven other Parti Républicain Government ministers with him, thereby provoking a full-blown crisis; or whether he would agree to eat humble pie and fall into line behind M Chirac's increasingly questioned leadership.

The crisis appears to have been provoked by an interview given by M Léotard to the political weekly, *Le Point*, on Monday, in which he made blatantly clear his refusal to support M Chirac in the forthcoming presidential elections, due to be held next May, when he said that the Parti

Républicain had two possible options in those elections, "either to support (M Raymond) Barre or to support Léotard".

M Chirac, who only a fortnight ago had to suppress a mini-rebellion within the Government's ranks over the correct attitude to adopt to the growing threat from the extreme-right National Front, decided that he could not let this further, seemingly deliberately impudent, affront to his authority pass without comment.

On Tuesday he summoned M Léotard and told him that from now on he had "to choose between the exercise of his ministerial functions and his role as a party militant... the first being incompatible with the second". It was not in the nation's interest to open

the presidential campaign prematurely, he added.

M Léotard, who has recently shot up in the opinion polls to become the second most popular right-wing politician in France after M Barre (M Chirac was not included in the poll), will not find it easy to be so humiliated in public.

He has built his reputation on his image as a new kind of plain-speaking, modern politician who is not afraid to tell the truth. In a recent interview, he declared that his party "had no intention of asking for permission before it speaks". Dare he go it alone, however, at the risk of being seen as the man who split the right and ruined its chances in the presidential elections?

Although personally popular, the latest polls indicate that he would get no more than 5 to 9 per cent of the vote.

Colleagues within the centre-right UDF party, of which the Parti Républicain is one of the two main constituents, were urging him yesterday to adopt the path of appeasement.

The latest polls show M Mitterrand with a clear lead for the first time over both his main rivals, M Chirac and M Barre. A new Government crisis, which would only increase his relative popularity, could tempt him to call a snap presidential election.



M Léotard: Young and highly ambitious.

## Abrams tells hearing he felt sorry for 'starving' Contras

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Mr Elliott Abrams, the senior official in charge of President Reagan's policies in Central America, was given another harsh grilling during the Iran-Contra hearings on Capitol Hill yesterday.

Congressmen accused him of splitting hairs in some of his testimony. Before the hearings adjourned on Tuesday he had admitted that he misled Congress on several occasions but claimed he was repeatedly deceived by Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the sacked White House aide.

His testimony has frequently been at odds with the testimony of previous witnesses. He agreed with an assertion by Mr Mark Belnick, the Senate counsel, that his approach to testimony before congressional bodies in the past meant that "unless the senators asked explicitly the right question, using exactly the right words, they weren't going to get the right answer".

At the start of yesterday's session Mr Abrams, Assistant

Secretary of State for Latin America, said it was shameful for America to be "rattling a tin cup", but said it would have been immoral for him not to have used his legal authority to gain humanitarian aid from other nations.

Washington — The United States is baffled by the distribution of forged documents around the world that appear designed to damage American foreign policy (Our Correspondent writes).

Among those discovered so far is a memorandum, bearing what appears to be President Reagan's signature, calling for the creation of a Latin American military force to contain Soviet expansion. It was brought to the attention of the US by a country that wanted to know if it was authentic.

for the Nicaraguan Contras. "I did it because the Contras were, as far as I knew, starving."

On Tuesday he admitted he

had made a mistake by not telling Congress initially that he had solicited a \$10 million (£6 million) donation from the Sultan of Brunei, which was paid into the wrong Swiss bank account. He said he actually made the request to a Brunei government official during a walk in a London park.

Mr Lawrence Walsh, the independent prosecutor investigating the Iran-Contra scandal, went to Capitol Hill yesterday to appeal for another delay in offering immunity to Colonel North. He argued that he needed more time to put together his case.

But the committee appears ready to vote to ask a federal judge to grant immunity to enable Colonel North to testify. He has previously cited his Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination. Colonel North is the central figure in the scandal and without his testimony principal questions would go unanswered.

## Quebec set for return to the fold

Ottawa — After a grueling 20-hour meeting that lasted until dawn, Canada's first ministers yesterday ratified an agreement that will have the effect of bringing French-speaking Quebec province into the Canadian constitution (John Best writes).

Mr Brian Mulroney, the Prime Minister, announced the accord as he and the 10 provincial premiers emerged bleary-eyed from the closed session that began at 10 am on Tuesday.

He told reporters that the agreement — scheduled for formal signing at an open ceremony later yesterday — "brings Quebec back into the Canadian family".

The meeting was called to approve in principle the legal text of an April 30 agreement by the first ministers aimed at ending the constitutional isolation of Quebec.

The deal must still be approved by the Federal Parliament and each of the provincial legislatures.

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## Honecker goes West

Amsterdam — Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, began a three-day official visit to The Netherlands yesterday, only his third trip to a Nato country (A Correspondent writes).

Herr Honecker was scheduled to have talks with members of the Dutch Government, Parliament and business community focusing on arms control and trade. He will meet Queen Beatrix at the palace in The Hague.

Diplomats said Herr Honecker would be seeking to expand trade and stimulate co-operation between East German and Dutch firms.

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## Karami mourners united in grief

From Juan Carlos Gumucio, Tripoli

It was their great sense of loss which yesterday united hundreds of thousands of Lebanese at the funeral of assassinated Prime Minister Rashid Karami. The huge expression of grief was as tangible as the tension that his murder has provoked throughout Lebanon.

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The assassination of Mr Karami by a bomb that exploded in the military heli-

copter taking him to Beirut on Monday has indeed deepened Syria's worries in Lebanon, but there were only minor incidents.

Inside the small nave of the ancient Mansouri al-Kabir Mosque, Christian and Muslim politicians, military leaders and foreign diplomats joined the religious services that echoed throughout the city to a cacophony of bells and sirens and the notes of Chopin's Funeral March played simultaneously by two hands unco-ordinated by distance.

Preceded by armed bodyguards, politicians and militia leaders squeezed their way into the Bab el-Ramel cemetery, where Mr Karami's remains were lowered to a pit carpeted with jasmine flowers.

President Assad of Syria, a close friend of Mr Karami, and President Gemayel of Lebanon, one of his main political foes, had both sent huge wreaths that were later placed over his tomb.

## UK anger at Tehran delays on envoy

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

There was growing irritation in Whitehall yesterday at footdragging by the Iranian Government in arranging a meeting to discuss British grievances over the treatment of Mr Edward Chaplin, First Secretary at the British interests section in Tehran.

After three days of intense pressure on Iranian authorities, the Foreign Office was still waiting for a meeting between Mr Christopher MacRae, head of the section, and Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Foreign Minister.

Whitehall sources said the fact that no measures had yet been taken against Iran should not be taken as a sign that they were less likely.

Britain is still demanding an apology and an explanation for the arrest and beating of Mr Chaplin last week, and wants Iran to drop threats to charge him with serious offences.

●BAHRAIN: Mr Chaplin, describing himself as "much recovered" after his beating and imprisonment at the hands of Revolutionary Committee militiamen last week, remained for the fifth consecutive day in the British Embassy residence at Gohak with his wife and two children (Robert Fisk writes).

A somewhat wordy homily on Tehran Radio berated Britain for its treatment of Mr Ali Ghassemi, the Iranian consular official arrested in Manchester, whose detention prompted Mr Chaplin's kidnapping, imprisonment and "temporary" release.

## Pretoria to use frozen foreign debt funds in budget boost

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg

South Africa is to use 1.2 billion rand (about \$370 million) of frozen foreign debt funds in its debt repayment standstill to help finance government spending over the next 12 months.

This was announced by Mr Barend Du Plessis, Minister of Finance, when he unveiled a 46,868 million rand budget — which included massive increases in spending on the

armed forces and the police — at a joint sitting of the white, Coloured and Indian parliaments in Cape Town yesterday.

The debt standstill was imposed after the collapse of the rand towards the end of 1985.

Mr Du Plessis said that, in terms of arrangements made with South Africa's international creditors, only 13 per cent of the 2,500 million rand

of foreign funds invested with the Public Service Commissioners after the debt standstill would be repaid over the next three years.

The funds would be used as short-term or medium-term loans for exchange financing, and thus be "utilized more effectively in the South African economy", Mr Du Plessis said.

The loans would be repaid after five years in 10 equal, half-yearly instalments over a

further five years. "Foreign creditors have shown much interest in this possibility," he said.

The Government's planned spending for 1987-88 is 15 per cent up on the last 12 months, roughly equal to South Africa's current inflation rate, but Mr Du Plessis announced no tax increases, either direct or indirect, for individuals or companies.

He said the Government would rely on natural in-

creases in all forms of revenue, as well as the use of frozen foreign creditors' funds, to finance the additional expenditure. However, big tariff rises in separate budgets for the railways and the post office were tabled in Parliament last week.

Not unexpectedly, Mr Du Plessis announced that spending on the armed services and the police was to rise, but observers were astonished by the size of the increases.

Armed services spending is to go up by 30 per cent to 6,683 million rand, which the Department of Defence said in a memorandum was "in fact modest" considering the inflation rate and the extent of re-equipment programmes.

Expenditure on the police is to rise by a staggering 42.8 per cent to 1,072 million rand. It was necessary to put the police in a position to perform their task effectively, Mr Du Plessis said.

Education is to get 19.6 per cent of the entire budget, almost 20 per cent up on last year. Expenditure on black education is to rise by 40 per cent.

Mr Du Plessis also announced that there would be an increase of 60 per cent in funds for the Department of Foreign Affairs to be used mainly for increased aid to the nominally independent homelands of Transkei, Ciskei, Venda and Bophuthatswana.

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## West Bank proves explosive legacy of Israeli victory

In the second of two articles on the twentieth anniversary of the Six-Day War, Ian Murray looks at the continuing tension over the West Bank territory which Israel conquered and still holds.

Prejudice and ignorance keep to Arabs and Jews apart on the West Bank and very few have acquaintance let alone friends with the other side. But 20 years of occupation and settlement are inextricably binding the land together.

Nearly one third of the working population in the territories go to work in Israel each day, between them earning about a fifth of the region's wealth. Half as many again are estimated to work illegally in Israel, earning more than they can in the territories, but less than the minimum wage decreed in Israel.

The West Bank land scramble has become a scandal, with hundreds of cases of fraud under investigation after the 1979 decision to lift the ban on private Jewish land purchase in the territories. Jordan imposed the death penalty on any Arab selling land to a Jew, but with prices soaring to \$8,000 for a quarter of an acre many took the risk. Some 30,000 acres have changed hands, of which about one fifth are thought to have been fraudulently acquired.

Because Israel is less likely to appropriate land which has been built on, both Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization have made home loans available. Money has poured in from Palestinians working in the Gulf and America. The construction industry is booming. The growth in the built-up area of Hebron has been around 200 per cent since 1967. In Bethlehem it is 150 per cent, and in Ramallah 100 per cent.

In Hebron, the Arab building surge has been made more urgent by the establishment in 1968 of the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba less than a mile from the Arab city centre. Mr Gary Cooperberg is one settler there, a New York Jew who wanted to rediscover his roots. He now walks each morning to pray at the Tomb of the Patriarchs, the second holiest site in Judaism, now inside a mosque built in a converted Crusader church.

He walks to pray with a pistol in his pocket, but feels safer and happier than he did



in New York. For him there is no question that the West Bank is anything but part of the land of Israel.

He regards the Six-Day War as "a miracle which our leaders at the time didn't recognize. They wrested defeat out of victory. The Arabs fled and we let them come back. They were realists and we were idealists."

He sees that it would make no difference wherever he lived in the area. "The presence of just one Jew in Tel Aviv would be too much for the Arabs. There still would not be peace." But he would happily live in peace among Arabs in the land, if they accepted it as a Jewish state in which they had no vote.

## Sir Joh's campaign called off

From Stephen Taylor  
Sydney

Australia's conservative parties were given an important boost in the election campaign yesterday when Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, the Premier of Queensland, abruptly abandoned his crusade for power. The maverick Queensland Premier, an apostle of the far-right, implicitly acknowledged at a news conference that his campaign had run out of energy and money.

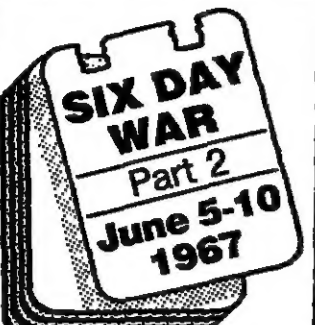
He offered no apologies for the divisions his foray opened between the opposition Liberal and National parties, but has evidently pledged in private that he will co-operate with other conservative leaders in the run-up to the July 11 poll.

Sir Joh's withdrawal opens the way to a renewal of the Liberal-National coalition and will unite the conservative effort behind Mr John Howard, the Liberal leader. Mr Howard has been trailing Mr Bob Hawke, the Labor Prime Minister, in opinion polls. But he emerged from talks with Sir Joh yesterday saying that despite past differences they would work together to bring down Labor, and that he was optimistic the momentum generated by the "Joh for Canberra" campaign would switch to the Liberals.

Amal Hamad, aged 20, who yearns for the vote, lives in Tulkarm and goes to university in Nablus. "I am prevented from choosing my future and calling for the freedom of my people. There is no freedom without the land."

Her father had told her of his fight years ago against British occupation, but she thinks the struggle is more difficult — "the British had their own land to go back to."

The resistance of youth is seen to be centred in the universities, frequently shut by the authorities. Mr Meron Benvenisti, a former deputy Mayor of Jerusalem and prophet of doom about the



occupation, has defined the problem. "While their elders are mostly taken up with financial worries and so avoid getting into confrontations, the young people, with their improved standard of living, have time to broaden their education."

"The Arabs' strongest impulse in reaction to their status as a powerless minority seems to be to get an education. The challenge of occupation and the psychological need not to give in to one's feeling of powerlessness have led to the paradox of a Palestinian minority which is nonetheless a vibrant and increasingly cohesive community."

Israeli doves see in this an inevitable explosion. According to General Shlomo Gazit, a former chief of military intelligence, "the demonstrators have no illusions that their protests will drive the Army out. There is an expression of popular rage and a fierce desire to feel as if they are doing something."

"If we don't find some way to halt, slow down, or even reverse present trends, then the fuse which has been lit on the powderkeg of Jewish Israel's relations with the Arabs will continue to burn down, consuming what little goodwill is left. The fuse keeps burning, growing shorter, inching closer and closer to detonation."

The most obvious danger, however, is in population trends. Over the next 15 years the Central Bureau of Statistics estimates that the 1.3 million Arabs living in the territories will have increased to 2.4 million, with another million living inside Israel. The two populations in the whole area are likely to be level a decade or so later.

The father of a 20-year-old West Bank university student shot dead in a demonstration in November saw in this growth the salvation of his country. "Israel must make peace now while she is young and strong," he said. "When she is older and weaker she will not be able to get the same peace."

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## Zhao says Deng retirement opposed by party members

From Robert Grieves  
Peking

Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Prime Minister and acting General Secretary of the Communist Party, said yesterday that, although Mr Deng Xiaoping "would very much like to retire" in October from his position as the country's senior leader, many party members still opposed the move.

Mr Zhao made his remarks at an unusual press conference held at Peking Airport just before he flew off on a 17-day official visit to five East European countries.

For the first time in a public forum, Mr Zhao allowed foreign reporters to question him on sensitive issues of the Chinese leadership succession and the controversial anti-Western influence campaign now entering its sixth month.

Mr Zhao said that Mr Deng, aged 82, has long wanted to retire at the 13th Party Congress, scheduled for this October, but that "many comrades in the rank and file of the party are not in favour" of him taking such a step.

As for himself, Mr Zhao said that after the party congress he will have only one job. He said he felt that he would be "more suitable" as the Prime Minister, but that others in the party would have to make the final decision.

In response to questions about the continuing so-called "anti-bourgeois liberalization" campaign, Mr Zhao said that it had been confined "mainly" to the party and the political side of Chinese life. He emphasized, as he and other officials have repeatedly done recently, that the campaign would not affect economic reforms.



Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Prime Minister, leaving Peking, watched by Mr Wan Li, top, the acting Prime Minister, and Mr Hu Qili, acting party General Secretary.

Mr Zhao, aged 68, said that in his absence from Peking Mr Wan Li, a senior Deputy Prime Minister, would serve as the acting Prime Minister. Mr Hu Qili, a Politburo member, would be acting party General Secretary.

The announcement spurred speculation that at the October congress Mr Wan may be named Prime Minister. The most widely-mentioned candidate for that post has been Mr Li Peng, one of the five deputy prime ministers. Mr Hu's selection to act as Gen-

eral Secretary in Mr Zhao's absence was also viewed as a challenge to Mr Li's candidacy for the prime ministership.

During his trip Mr Zhao will visit Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Bulgaria. On his return he will make a stop in Pakistan to confer with Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, the Prime Minister.

The purpose of Mr Zhao's trip is to cement political and economic ties with the East European countries at a time when trade between them and

China has risen to the equivalent of £1.7 billion annually.

In a related development, sources in Peking said yesterday that Mr Zhao may stop off in Sharjah, in the United Arab Emirates, to confer with the leaders of several Gulf states while on his way to Eastern Europe.

The leaders of Kuwait, the UAE and Bahrain are said to be concerned about increased Chinese arms sales to Iran and want to discuss China's position regarding the Iran-Iraq war with Mr Zhao.

## 'Successor' to Chun seeks end to conflict

From David Watts  
Tokyo

President Chun's candidate to succeed him as President of South Korea, Mr Roh Tae Woon, is expected to move quickly to seek a meeting with the opposition leadership.

With protests by Buddhists coming on top of those by Christians, journalists and more student unrest, Mr Roh is hoping to meet Mr Kim Young Sam to head off what promises to be a confrontation when the ruling Democratic Justice Party (DJP) holds a convention to name Mr Chun's successor on Wednesday.

President Chun's naming of Mr Roh, aged 59, well in advance of the meeting moves any pretence that he is anything other than the choice of the President himself, which is likely to raise the ire of the Opposition.

Whether the opposition camp will agree to meet Mr Roh is another matter, and South Korean diplomats in Tokyo believe that talks may have to wait until after the convention.

Though the early naming of Mr Roh caught some off-guard, his identity comes as no surprise.

The President and Mr Roh come from the same military background and were classmates at the Korean Military Academy. As a general, Mr Roh was a key element in the military coup which brought Mr Chun to power and he later followed the President as commander of the Defence Security Command.

Mr Roh's candidacy will now be submitted to the ruling party's central executive council and there is no doubt that it will be approved.

## Austrian fury over SS man from US

Vienna — Relations between Austria and the US worsened yesterday when the Austrian Interior Minister, Herr Karl Blecha, threatened to deport Mr Martin Bartsch, a former SS concentration camp guard, back to America.

Mr Bartsch arrived in Austria last week with an American passport, hoping to settle in Salzburg where he is said to have relations, but was arrested and declared *persona non grata* as soon as he registered with the local police.

Herr Blecha told the US Ambassador to Austria, Mr Ronald Lauder, that he was "deeply disturbed" at the Americans' behaviour in stripping Mr Bartsch of his American nationality, but allowing him to retain his passport.

## Spies appeal

Sydney (Reuters) — The former Australian javelin champion Reginald Spiers, has indicated he will appeal against a death sentence imposed on him in Sri Lanka for drug smuggling, an Australian Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

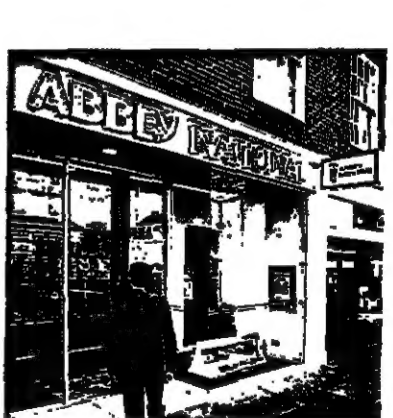
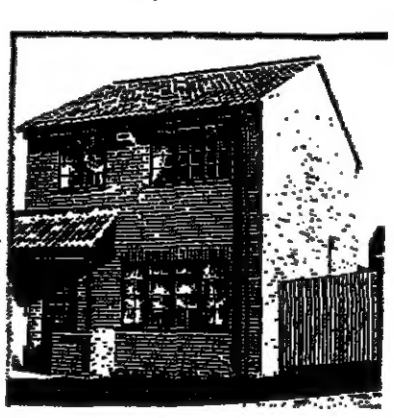
## Death sentence

Moscow (AFP) — The Soviet Supreme Court has sentenced to death by firing squad Abdulakhid Karimov, the former first secretary of Bukhara region in Soviet Uzbekistan, for bribery.

## Aid for China

Brussels (AP) — The EEC has granted £350,000 emergency aid for victims of the huge fires that have raged in north-eastern China since May 6.

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# Tories claim Hattersley out of line on strike ballots

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The Conservatives yesterday pounced on remarks by Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, claiming he had "overturned" official party policy on strike ballots.

The accusation from Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Employment, came after Mr Hattersley told a London press conference that Labour would insist on ballots before official strikes.

Mr Clarke said: "Mr Hattersley has put his foot in it. At a stroke, he has overturned the policy of the Labour Party and TUC official policy. He appears to have been panicked into common sense."

"I would like confirmation of what he has said from Neil Kinnock, John Prescott and Ron Todd. Will a member of a union now be entitled to go to court to stop his union if no pre-strike ballot is called? Were it not for the election campaign, Mr Hattersley's remarks would provoke an 'enormous rumble' from the TUC."

The Opposition's official policy on industrial relations is set out in a joint Labour/TUC document approved by party conference last year. It says that union rule books would have to contain a clause giving union members a right to a "secret ballot relating to strikes".

At yesterday's morning press conference both Mr Clarke and Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, maintained that this does not amount to a legally enforceable guarantee of a pre-strike ballot. The result could be ballots held at the end of a strike or after one had been under way for some time, Mr Clarke told *The Times* later.

But Mr Hattersley said that Labour was committed to ballots before potential walk-outs. Asked if a future Labour government would ensure that no strike was held without a ballot first, he said: "Our clear policy is that there must be a ballot to precede a strike."

"There is no way you can stop a group of men moved to immediate passion by some action in their company walking out. But the official strike

is only official if it is preceded by a ballot. In our view that ballot ought to be triggered off and could be triggered off under our legislation by the initiative of individual union members who wanted to make sure that democracy has been properly respected."

"Anything that is organized and prepared, the ballot must precede it in order to obtain the immunities under the present law and the future law as it would be."

Under Labour's proposals a union member deprived of a ballot would have recourse to an "independent tribunal", not a court, which would have the power to "require a union to take the necessary steps to remedy the complaint". Appeal to a court would only be permitted on a point of law.

Unlike existing legislation, which the Tories plan to toughen further, the Labour tribunal would not have the power to seize the funds of defaulting unions or grant injunctions to employers.

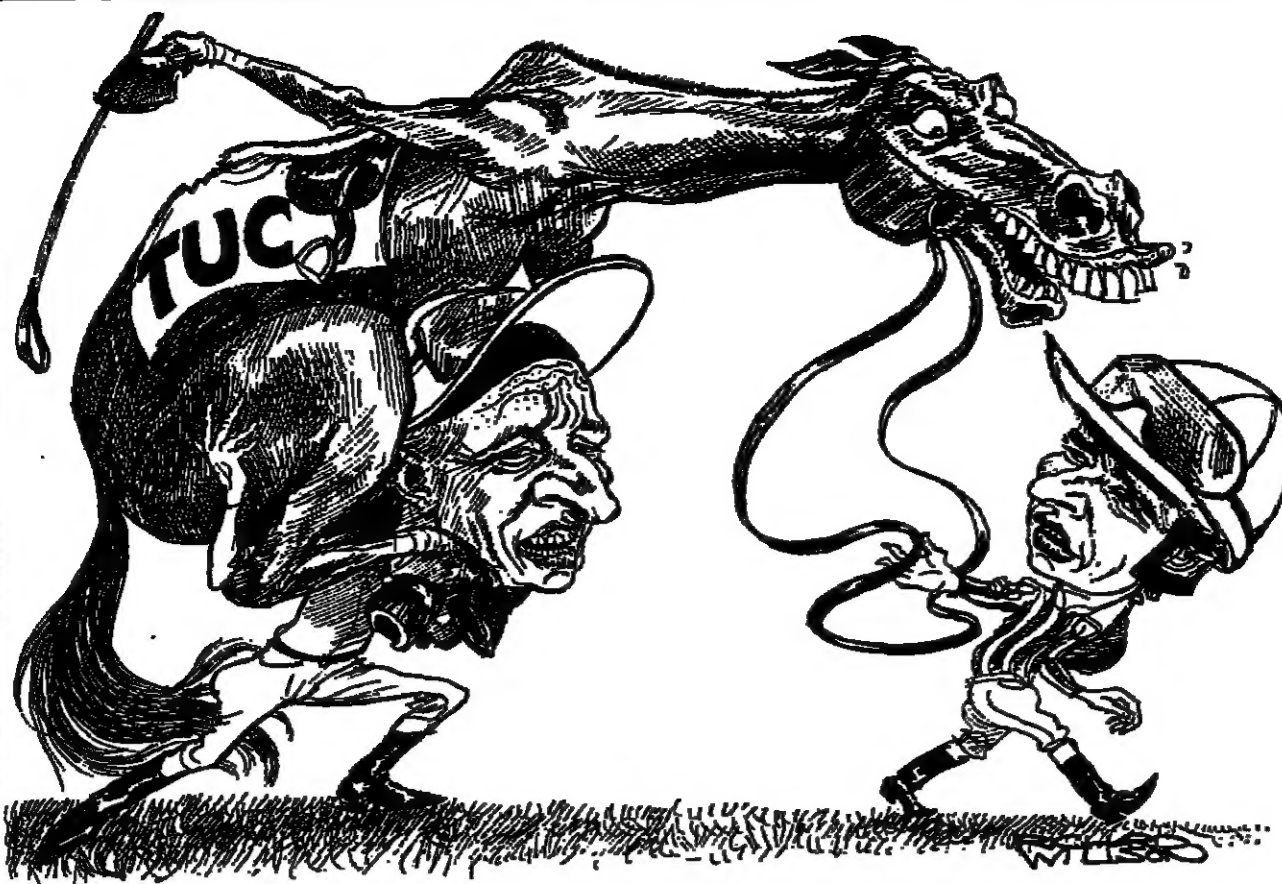
Mr Tebbit condemned this "fudge", claiming it was one of the chief reasons why union leaders were lying low during the election campaign.

"Labour's proposals to undo the trade union reforms of the past eight years would bring back strikes, lose markets and lose jobs. For the trade union bosses that is worthwhile. Their jobs would be secured. They would be back in Downing Street and they would bring the hard left back with a vengeance."

"Mr Kinnock would be called upon to pay his debt to union bosses and his own left wing at one and the same time."

His remarks provoked an angry reaction from Mr John Edmonds, general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers Union. Denying that the unions were keeping quiet, he listed nearly a dozen places where he had spoken this week.

"I think the Tories should think less about their fantasies of trade union power and more about the rights of workers in this country - the rights of workers they have been elected to serve."



"You take the reins... I'm getting out of here"

Warning on Soviet strength

## Thatcher defends nuclear arms

By Philip Webster

The Prime Minister retorted sharply yesterday against the reported claim of Mr Mikhail Gorbachev that she has failed to learn the lessons of Hiroshima and Chernobyl.

She unleashed a quick counter-blast at the Soviet leader's alleged remark and seized the opportunity to step up her warning of the Soviet threat. The Russians were not engaged in cold war rhetoric but "hard steel", she said, going on to refer to the Soviet invasions of Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Afghanistan.

Mr Gorbachev had been reported as describing Mrs Thatcher as "a person having

a hard time getting rid of old stereotypes".

She said that Britain had learnt the lessons. They were that strength was necessary to deter aggression and that conventional weapons could never give that strength. Nuclear weapons were needed to do that. If nuclear weapons were abandoned and a conventional war started the race would be on to see who could get nuclear weapons first.

She said that when the Hungarians rose up against Russia the tanks went in. The same thing happened in Czechoslovakia. When Poland wanted free trade unions they were subjected. The Soviet tanks had rolled into Afghanistan; five million people had

fled and a million had been killed. The tanks were still there. The only way to deal with such a country, which paid such scant regard for the human rights of its own people, was to have sure defences.

Asked whether the strong language of her attacks on Labour's defence policy was meant to frighten people Mrs Thatcher retorted: "Perhaps you would ask the Hungarians and the Czechoslovaks. We went to war to see Poland and Czechoslovakia free. But they are not free. When they tried to rise up to free themselves the tanks rolled in. That is not cold war rhetoric that is hard steel."

Mrs Thatcher also warned that the return of a Labour

government would mean soaring inflation. Referring to Mr Neil Kinnock's remark in a television interview that inflation under Labour might rise to 7 per cent and then level off at 4 to 5 per cent Mrs Thatcher said: "Once you start a policy of inflation it is very difficult to stop it. It would not just stop at 7 per cent; it would go up and stay up."

Under the last Labour government inflation at 27 per cent was devastating for pensioners and other people: "It amounts to dishonest money. I think a government that is prepared to use a policy of dishonest money would not know how to run the economy in a sound way."

## Baker attacks 'Fabian' schools policy

By Nicholas Wood

Political Reporter

Alliance education policy is no more than the "frayed Fabian furniture" of Mrs Shirley Williams' "dowager years" as the Labour Secretary of State for Education and Science of the late 1970s, Mr Kenneth Baker claimed yesterday.

Mr Baker said that his predecessor had presided over the "most sustained and damaging cuts" that education

has suffered in the post-war era. Total spending fell by 9.6 per cent from 1976 to 1979 and teachers' pay dropped 8 per cent in real terms.

Her tenure of office was the period when the old habits of high expenditure had to give way to the "strained circumstances of genteel poverty".

"Then she packed up her frayed Fabian furniture - incomes policy and educational egalitarianism - and dumped it on the SDP. And

there it stands now, gently fraying away."

The Secretary of State was speaking in Cambridge where Mrs Williams is standing for the Alliance. His remarks, suggesting that the Tories still believe the Alliance poses a threat in prosperous parts of the country, came against the background of a MORI poll conducted last week, which found that 46 per cent of Britain's 400,000 teachers intend to support the third party - a massive shift since 1983.

Mr Baker said there was little to choose between the Alliance and Labour over education. They both wanted to abolish the remaining grammar schools and the assisted places scheme and they both threatened the independent sector.

"In their desire to appear more moderate the Alliance would proceed more stealthily - but they still have the same goals as Labour," Mr Baker said.

### ELECTION SUMMARY

## 'Hamburger economy' condemned by SDP

Britain's economy is increasingly reliant on people selling hamburgers to each other, Mrs Shirley Williams, president of the SDP, said yesterday. The Government's lack of investment in training men and women for a high-technology society was destroying the seed corn, she added.

As the Alliance turned the focus on education, which it believes is the Government's most vulnerable area, the former Labour Secretary of State for Education argued that the successful economies are investing huge sums in training.

Mr Paddy Ashdown, the Alliance education spokesman, said: "At a time when so much of our human potential is being wasted by unemployment our industry is crying out for skilled manpower. There can be no greater indictment of a government than this."

## Hunting challenge Lecturers accuse

The Campaign for Country Sports challenged the Labour Party yesterday to clarify its manifesto commitment to "end all forms of organized hunting with hounds".

The demand comes after an assessment last Monday by the British Equestrian Trade Association that a ban on hunting could cost more than 18,000 jobs.

Mr Peter Atkinson, of the British Field Sports Society, said at a meeting in Whitehaven, Cumbria, yesterday that the proposed ban was a potential disaster.

The leader of Britain's university lecturers' union yesterday accused the Government of attempting to "stifle flair and initiative" in the universities.

Speaking at an election debate in London, Miss Diana Warwick, general secretary of the Association of University Teachers, accused all three main parties of "political inertia". She said: "Higher education has been starved of resources. Courses have been cut and departments closed."

## Tebbit attacks 'Tory conscience' leaflet

A Labour Party leaflet headed "Nobody with a conscience votes Conservative" was condemned as a "disgraceful libel and smear" by Mr Norman Tebbit, the Tory chairman, yesterday.

Hundreds of thousands of copies of the leaflet have been distributed from Labour Party headquarters to constituencies this week. Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, said the leaflet was justified, but added: "I am very anxious not to give the impression that we attribute that to Mr Tebbit. That is our judgement about the general Conservative attitude."

The Conservative chairman said at his party's press conference that the leaflet would be deeply offensive to the 13 million people who voted Tory at the last election.

## ITN poll plans Alliance's poll cheer

Vote 87, ITN's election night programme, will be one of the biggest independent television operations. Harris Research will conduct its largest exit poll from 19,500 voters in more than 100 marginal constituencies, enabling ITN to predict the make-up of the House of Commons soon after 10pm.

The programme will include up to 80 reports from outside broadcast units. A journalist in each constituency will ring the results through for immediate display on the screen.

Mr Cyril Smith, defending Rochdale for the Liberal/SDP Alliance, said yesterday that opinion poll findings of growing support for the Alliance in key marginals was "extremely encouraging".

"For the first time we are being told from polls that we are going to finish with more seats than we started with," he said on TV-am. But he accepted that the daily dose of polls which measured the state of political opinion was helping to distort the campaign.

### COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

During the 1983 election Labour activists often seemed to be torn between suicide and shooting each other. It was a campaign marked by despair and recrimination.

The party headquarters at Walworth Road became noted throughout the country for confusion and incompetence: requests for information seemed to pass into a void from which no response was to be expected. As leader Mr Michael Foot, consumed with affection without being able to arouse hope. It was a classic example of a doomed enterprise.

But as I go round the country this time I am struck by the improvement in Labour morale. Never before has the party waged such a professional campaign.

I am not sure how much direct effect this is having on the voters. Many of them, I suspect, may be rather dubious about the show business glitter. The general public have considerable powers of resistance when politicians try to dazzle them with new techniques.

But whatever the Labour campaign may be doing to the electorate, it is certainly doing something to the party. There is some pride in for once not being outsmarted by the Tories. "In the first week it seemed that Labour were fighting in the way we had come to expect of the Conservatives, and the Conservatives were fighting like Labour," one Labour campaigner remarked to me in Leeds.

Nor is it merely a new expertise in the arts of Madison Avenue. "Walworth Road" is no longer used as a term of derision or abuse. A call to headquarters is not

regarded as a futile gesture in this campaign.

As leader Mr Kinnock is seen in a very different light from Mr Foot. There are the reports of Mr Kinnock's temper wearing thin from time to time, and of his avoiding questioning by journalists. But a certain impatience with the press does nothing to damage his reputation in Labour circles, where most newspapers are regarded with limited affection at the moment.

His aggression is welcomed by his supporters, his appetite for power is beyond question and his standing in the party was unquestionably raised by the election broadcast which focused upon him in presidential style.

So Labour hearts are lighter. But how much does this matter in hard political terms? There is, I think, too great a tendency, to which many of us must plead guilty, to apply the metaphors of war and sport to politics. This leads to too easy an assumption that a hard hitting campaign, waged by troops in good spirit who have been brought to the peak of fitness at the right time, will naturally be a successful campaign.

But while confidence within a party will not necessarily command support among the voters, a party without self-confidence will lose support. A greater enthusiasm in the party should also make it easier to get Labour voters to the polls on the day. Elections are won not only by making converts but also by making sure that the faithful do actually vote.

So the rise in morale must improve Labour's chances, if only up to a point. It has also increased Labour's expectations. At the beginning of this campaign the party would, I think, have regarded a halving of Mrs Thatcher's overall majority as a relative success. But no longer.

A leading Labour figure in local government told me yesterday that he would now be very disappointed if Labour failed to win at least seven of the 10 Yorkshire marginals on which the party has particularly set its sights.

There is still no serious expectation of an overall majority, but there will now be a sense of anti-climax if Labour achieves less than a hung Parliament. So it is possible that the rise in Labour morale may prove a mixed blessing for Mr Kinnock after the election. But that is a risk that he must be happy to take.

## Labour's police plan 'disaster'

By Robin Oakley

Political Editor

In one of the toughest speeches yet in the election, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said last night that Labour plans for greater political control of the police would be a "bully boys' charter" ensuring that mass picketing would prevail and creating no-go areas for the police on council estates.

Calling left-wing extremists "virulent and destructive people" in their attitude to the fight against crime, Mr Hurd said that Labour's plan to give them control over the police was disastrous. The Wapping dispute, he added, would have been a disaster if Labour's policies had been in force.

The focus of the Tory attacks was a policy document, *Protecting Our People*, issued by Labour in April which said that the Police Act would be amended "to give locally elected police authorities in all areas of the country statutory responsibility in determining the policing policies, priorities and methods of their force".

The commitment was not repeated in the Labour election manifesto and Mr Hurd said last night that it was one of many Labour policies being concealed from the public.

In a speech in Fulham, west London, he said: "By the time political orders have been handed down determining the policies, priorities and methods of a force the concept of the operational independence of the police is emptied of meaning."

Mr Hurd said that left-wing Labour authorities would be able to use such powers to direct chief constables not to use the powers provided by Parliament to prevent disorder arising from demonstrations or marches which could coerce or intimidate the community.

Control over police priorities could lead to the manipulation of police resources according to the political convenience of a ruling administration.

Control over methods would involve the police working with one hand tied behind their backs.



Mr Paul Feather (left) and companions preparing for the Liverpool plunge

## Swim that never happened

By Philip Jacobson

As a chilling drizzle sweeps across the Mersey into Liverpool and prudent seagulls head for shelter, four young men are discovered limbering up for a swim.

Why should anyone of sound mind do so voluntarily? Because they are candidates, of course. Specifically, Conservative candidates for constituencies in a city where Mrs Margaret Thatcher's troops failed to take a single seat last time around.

In the event, they were gratefully dissuaded from taking the plunge before the cameras.

We headed, instead, for a late breakfast and a discussion about encouraging Liverpoolians to eat more healthily and take more exercise. Our own

menu, unsurprisingly, carried the Edwina Currie stamp of approval.

On closer examination, all the candidates present (the other two, possibly forewarned, had opted out of the swimming bit) seemed a pretty healthy bunch. Surprisingly chipper, too, about the way things were going in constituencies which all contain a fair share of the city's enormous economic and social problems.

If I select Mr Paul Feather from among them, it is only because one does not encounter that many prospective Conservative MPs with a ponytail. Elton John-style specs and a diamond earring.

A well known figure in

Liverpool where he runs a thriving hotel and catering group, Mr Feather, who is 35, is up against a Labour majority of just over 4,000 in Liverpool Garston.

By common consent, the constituency takes in some of the worst unemployment black spots in Britain, although, as Mr Feather notes, there is also a good sprinkling of high income voters. The former MP, Mr Eddie Loyden, is running again, but Mr Feather reckons that Garston has had quite enough of the "hard-left Militant lunacy" with which, he claims, his opponent is closely associated. "My betting friends are beginning to get a bit of cash on to me," he says.

## Privatization is key to shape of things to come

By David Young

Energy Correspondent

A feature of the Conservative Party's energy policy which the Department of Energy would implement if the Tories were returned to power is that civil servants and ministers there will appear to be working themselves out of a job.

There has been wide speculation that the Energy Secretary, Mr Peter Walker, will play little part in a forthcoming Conservative Government and the size of the department is already difficult to maintain as a self-contained ministry.

Its revenue gathering role - the money paid in by the energy industries far outstrips anything spent by the department in grants, even when the millions a day given to British Coal are considered - could

easily be taken over by the Treasury and there has been consistent speculation that any remaining regulatory authority it has over the oil, gas and eventually electricity

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and coal industries could be handed by an enlarged Department of Trade and Industry.

The key is privatization. Already gas has passed into the private sector and only Labour has said that it would return the business to the state sector. North Sea oil interests held by the Government following the disposal of the British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) and its price-fixing function, are now

limited to regulating the offshore pipeline network and monitoring and controlling safety related matters. Oil fields once held by the Government are flourishing within the private sector under Britoil and Enterprise Oil managements.

The remaining government share stake in BP, now worth about £5 million and easily saleable on a market clamouring for BP shares, is to be sold by the Conservatives fairly soon after a return to office. Labour has said that it would keep the holding and the Alliance would probably be prepared to sell it (although anything other than a Tory victory would send the price down).

It is in the area of electricity and coal that the three main parties differ and the one main

area of disagreement is nuclear power.

The Conservatives remain committed to nuclear power and the building of the Sizewell B pressurized water cooled (PWR) reactor. The other two parties would end the development of nuclear power and concentrate on building up the coal-fired sector of the business.

The Conservatives are committed to the development of the coal industry, but its underlying philosophy is that eventually it should stand on its own feet financially and move into the private sector. Labour would concentrate its energy policy around the industry and be totally committed to its remaining in the state sector. The Alliance has said it would help develop the use of coal, but increase the pace of development into

environmental controls. The industry would be more tightly regulated through the Department of Energy. More private enterprise would be allowed to operate alongside and in competition with the state sector.

To the consumer the main difference following a Conservative victory would be that within probably two years their electricity would be supplied by an industry operating in the private sector.

There are strong arguments in favour of privatizing it board by board and leaving the nuclear side of the business in government hands. But the management who have built up the business would only be happy if they were treated in the same way as British Gas and have the business sold as one unit

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## ELECTION 87 X

Taking stock of the campaign so far

## Tired out by the ravages of the long phoney war

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

These are men and women who spent so long fighting a phoney war they have had trouble waking up to the fact that the real one has begun.

Arguments thrashed out for six months before the battle began have a tired air now. So do the combatants. There is scarcely a soul worthy of a mention in dispatches.

Mr Michael Heseltine, maybe, for the dashing discovery of phrases: he called Labour's manifesto "wall-to-wall whitewash".

Mr Peter Mandelson, Labour's director of communications, perhaps, for introducing his party to the world of the logo, the backdrop and the "photo-opportunity". And Lady Seear, the aged Liberal warhorse who has injected some much-needed spunk into the Alliance press conferences and reminded us that Mr Kinnock's nice smile would not even be sufficient reason for hiring a new cook.

The Conservative campaign has been too rigid, too hung up on the original game plan, drawn up when they were

expecting the Alliance to come through into second place as the real threat. Although Mr Tebbit has been brilliant at the Tory press conferences, deftly steering Prime Minister and press, the Tories got off to a slow start which allowed Labour to seize the initiative.

Labour's blunder on capital value rating and Mr Kinnock's confession that he still hankered after full-blooded nationalization were little exploited.

By launching a radical manifesto and failing to explain in sufficient detail — if indeed they knew — how its new schemes would work, the Tories have been forced on to the defensive over education and housing.

The Prime Minister herself, rather than firing the nation with new vision, has been regurgitating the old simplistic slogans about the Labour Party being more left than ever before.

Labour did well in the first week. The soft-focus "Voice of Kinnock" broadcast early on, was a gamble that came off.

But Mr Kinnock's perambulations round the provinces since have begun to look like dodging.

There is fog all around the Labour manifesto and the rest of the policy documents with which the party has showered press and public for months.

Labour has fought successfully to re-establish itself as the main opposition party, but as we go into the last week the impression is that it has settled for doing no more than that: that it does not believe it can win.

Mr Kinnock's oratory has been a plus. But many other hands have had their worst fears confirmed: that the unilateralist defence policy with which he has insisted on saddling them has denied Labour the chance that it might otherwise have had of being returned to power.

The combination of a CND line and the local government impingement still tied to Mr Kinnock's back bumper appear too much of a handicap to surmount in one election.

The Alliance got off to a

swift start with its campaigning, but the voters signally failed to respond.

The old tribal loyalties reassessed themselves, a small nudge downwards in the polls was written up as a slide and they were soon in trouble.

Proportional representation and constitutional reform are hard to sell on the doorstep and the rest of the Alliance programme has come over as no more than an attempt to rub the nasty corners off the other parties.

Their campaign has lacked both bite and passion. They have been handicapped, too, by openly going for the best third place they can get.

It may be honest and realistic. But it means that journalists question them only about their poll standing.

The result has been a slippage, much agitation about the chosen tactics and a dire warning from Dr David Owen that it may be now or never. Never one to shirk a risk, Dr Owen may in fact have done just the right thing to waken the slumbering Alliance vote. But it is quite some gamble.

## Cheerful campaigner



Mrs Margaret Tebbit was a cheerful companion yesterday for her husband, Norman, the party chairman, as he prepared to face the rigours of the Conservative Party's early morning general election press conference.

Mrs Tebbit, whose injuries received in the Brighton bombing in 1983 have left her confined to a wheelchair, has been displaying a good deal of courage and good humour on the campaign trail. (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

## With the law and order faithful

By Paul Valley

The burglars of Wood Green were, presumably, having a field day. Gathered together in the election headquarters of the local Tory Party was a large group of the area's Neighbourhood Watch organisers. Outside was a sizeable contingent of police.

They were there for a little publicised visit by the Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, touring several London marginals to listen to the views of the Tory faithful on law and order.

He began in the Hornsey and Wood Green constituency of Sir Hugh Rowl, defending a Conservative majority of less than 4,000 in an area where the left-wing qualities of Mr Bernie Grant's Haringey council dominate the agenda. "Do not remove," said the notice on the box of files and blue and white balloons near Sir Hugh. He made a short, speech about muggings, car theft and house-breaking which he hoped would carry a similar message to voters.

There was little chance of dissent. This was a community apparently happy in its sequestration from the mean streets of the inner city. Here policemen were still bobbies.

Only in the questioning did the darkness outside threaten. What about all these gypsies, asked the first questioner. Can the police be given extra powers? Mr Hurd said this had been done, citing the "so-called Hippie Clause" which made it an offence for people to refuse to move when asked by the landowner.

Sir Hugh sprang eagerly to his feet. The problem was that here the landowner was "Bernie Grant and his henchmen" who did not want gypsies moved. "They even refuse to allow the police onto their land. We would like to see the Act extended so that if the local authority is reluctant to act then a number of local residents have the right to approach the police."

What about the way the council refused to allow the police to use empty property on council estates for surveillance purposes, asked the next questioner. Mr Hurd said he did not want to have to coerce local councils. What was needed was public pressure "so that they are ashamed out of their obstreperousness."

## Two Davids with all to play for

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Mr David Owen's whoop of delight when news broke that the *Newsnight* poll of marginals pointed to a hung parliament unintentionally revealed the frailty of the Alliance.

The scent of victory — of becoming the "power broker" as he has always predicted — revitalized the SDP leader for the final run-up to polling.

His remark in King's Lynn that it was a "perhaps never-to-occur-again opportunity" was met by a far more defensive response from Mr David Steel. It was ironic that with the first signs of an Alliance revival the differences between the two parties and their leaders became more stark.

The entrance of the two Davids down the aisles of packed halls around the country to the sound of Purcell's "Trumpet Tune and March" never failed to stir their audience. It is when the dual leadership, a marriage made



Dr Owen and Mr Steel: At their best in public performances.

in Westminster, looks good.

Unlike the affairs staged for the party faithful by Conservatives and Labour, the "Ask the Alliance" rallies give credence to the joint parties' claim to satisfy the "mood for change" they detect among the voters.

On television the magic rarely survives — one reason for the decision to scrap the "Tweedledum and Tweedledee" appearances on regional television.

Their days on the campaign trail are tailored so that they

meet morning and evening. At 7.15 am they unite with strategists to get the feel of the day before heading the 8.30 press conference at the National Liberal Club.

Mr Steel takes the eight-seat Hawker Siddeley 125 executive jet, lent to him by Mr Anthony Jacobs, of the British School of Motoring. He eats a full breakfast on board — no plastic airline food or implements — before joining his yellow battle bus for the day's campaigning.

To initial fears from the Liberals, the SDP leader's

entourage swoops in on targeted areas in a hired propeller-driven Hawker Siddeley 748. Although it is noisy and slow — and has survived some spectacular landings — it cuts the time spent on the roads. It also gives the accompanying journalists easy access to their target.

The stops on the campaign trail are, like those by Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Neil Kinnock, geared for the cameras. Although both attempt to talk and listen to individuals, they are restricted by the encircling media.

Mr Steel is clearly sustained by the solid tranche of Liberal supporters in many corners of the country, but the relentlessly falling polls at the start of the campaign began to take their toll on Dr Owen, fighting his first campaign as SDP leader.

This week, however, has seen his transformation in what he described as "a critical week". They both believe they have everything to play for.

## Conjuring up a sense of failure

By Allan Massie

The opening of the Conservative election broadcast on Tuesday was so embarrassing one wondered if they had entrusted its making to Kenny Everett.

A magician appeared on the screen representing the Labour Party. He extracted one trick after another from his hat and none worked. It

seemed an unworthy way of conducting a great debate. Yet when Labour has resorted to a showbiz strategy, there may be something to be said for the comic strip approach.

And then the mood changed. Music became queenly and we were over to Mrs Thatcher and a montage of meetings with world statesmen. Presidents Reagan and Mitterrand, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev and Chancellor Helmut Kohl were all recruited to project the desired image. We saw Mrs Thatcher in China, and plunging into enthusiastic crowds in Red Square.

This is what is called subliminal television: words were superfluous, the images said more. There was no need to make the contrast with Mr Kinnock's lack of experience explicit. Here was the World Stateswoman in action: and there two minutes earlier we had been offered the Labour Party as a failed seaside conjuror. It is perhaps inconvenient to observe that in 1945 the electorate rejected the Conservative leader who had far more right to project himself as a world statesman.

When it comes to brass necks none could equal Mr Denis Healey. If you were accused of having "long since forgotten what shame is", you would probably be wounded and offended. Mr Healey however merely chuckled.

Does such a response prove the justice of the accusation, which was delivered by Sir Geoffrey Howe, who for a reputedly dead sheep can bite quite viciously?

The exchange with Sir Geoffrey was uncharacteristic of Yorkshire TV's *First Tuesday* which itself was unlike most election programmes, being serious, intelligent and restrained.

## Fleet Street man takes on a popular minister

## CONSTITUENCY PROFILE

## Bath

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C F. Patten (C)  
J. M. Dean (SDP/All)  
J. Smith (Lab)  
D. Wall (Gm)

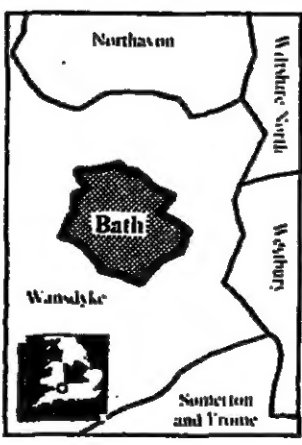
1981 % Own occ.	57.9
1981 % Loc Auth	25.0
1981 % Black/Asian	2.5
1981 % Mid cl	57.4
1981 % Prof man	17.5
1986 electorate	65,173

1983 General Election: Patten, C F (C) 22,544; Dean, J M (SDP/All) 17,240; Pott, A J (Lab) 7,259; Grimes, D (Eco) 441; Patten, R S (Prog L) 315; Ward, G S (World G) 67, May 1984.

Key: % own occ: proportion owning their homes; % Loc auth: proportion of council tenants; % Black/Asian: proportion from New Commonwealth or Pakistan; % Mid cl: proportion of non-manual workers; % Prof man: professions & higher management.

and they are not exactly pleased with the Government at the moment. Cuts in the health service, which may force the closure of a brand new ward at the Royal United Hospital, are an acrimonious local issue.

The Ministry of Defence is easily the largest employer in the constituency, and civil servants are in rebellious mood. There is a high proportion of retired people in Bath



have in Mr Christopher Patten one of their best and brightest candidates, who, at the age of 43, has already held several ministerial posts and is widely liked and admired.

He has been acclaimed an outstanding talent, not just by independent political commentators but also by his opponents: Mr Roy Jenkins, no less, described him as "a young man of quality". Mr Dean would much rather have him as an ally than as an opponent: "We all like Chris Patten", he says, "but he's in the wrong party."

The Conservatives believe that it will be a loss to the country, not just to Bath, if their man is forced into the wilderness. They are certainly not counting any chickens, but they think his personal popularity will probably see him through.

They claim that his reduced majority in 1983 was caused mainly by Labour defections to the Alliance, and that the residual Labour vote is unlikely to be squeezed any further.

The Labour candidate, Mrs Jenny Smith, is naturally adamant that support is swinging back her way. A brisk, youthful-looking grandmother at

48, she is a Quaker and describes herself as a "Christian socialist".

She says that Bath's beauty and tranquillity are deceptive and hide a multitude of social problems. "On the surface it is a very glossy, middle-class place, but go out to the high-rise blocks on the outskirts and they smell just as bad as they do anywhere else."

Homelessness is a big issue, she says. More than 200 people were sleeping out under the bridges last winter, although some of them were probably youngsters who had run away from home and would tend to gravitate to a place such as Bath.

Mrs Smith is also campaigning on environmental issues, claiming that the area has the highest concentration of nuclear power stations in the world.

A county councillor who has served on unpeopled committees, she works full time for Shelter and is a member of all sorts of voluntary organizations. She ought to have a high local profile, but the best she can realistically hope for is to regain some of Labour's lost ground.

John Young

## Rude disturbance for the polls

By David Butler

The unnatural steadiness of the polls which persisted for 10 days after their early boost for Labour and slump for the Alliance has been rudely disturbed.

At last we have had a survey that points towards a hung parliament if the trend it indicates continues over the next week.

The *Newsnight* poll in marginals more than confirms last Sunday's *Weekend World* findings from Harris, but it goes against the *NOP/Sunday Express* and the *MORI/Times* studies in marginals.

The first two suggest that Labour is doing very well in Conservative/Labour marginals. The second two find that the movement in marginals is less than in the nation as a whole. This difference in evidence means the difference between a Conservative majority of under 20 and one of over 100.

There is no easy way of resolving the conflict. All the polls are conducted by reputable researchers doing their best to get the right answer. The Conservatives' private pollster, Harris, is giving the best news for Labour and Labour's private pollster, MORI, is giving the best news for the Conservatives.

The *Newsnight* evidence is significant for its panel approach. The same voters interviewed two weeks apart show a distinct move from both Conservative and Alliance to Labour in Conservative/Labour marginals and from Conservative to both Labour and Alliance in Conservative/Alliance marginals.

Even more, in three-way marginals, tactical voting is clearly manifest, surprisingly

## POLL WATCH

helping Labour more than the Alliance. Any such moves in the early stages of the campaign is likely to be intensified in the final days when local canvassing and leafleting are at their height.

It is wise to treat regional, marginal and local polls more sceptically than nationwide ones. They are usually one-off affairs with a specially constructed sample, not well honed surveys, using an established routine. The nationwide polls have been notably stable so far, and one has to be cautious about suggestions of significant local deviations.

None the less, some deviations will certainly be manifest in the final outcome. The Conservatives will lose seats in Scotland, but they will do exceptionally well in the Midlands.

The Alliance will be squeezed in Conservative/Labour marginals, but it may fare well enough in its target seats to elect considerably more MPs than the swing tables suggest are due to it on its final percentage of the vote.

The Conservatives still have a sufficiently comfortable lead in votes for the stock market to keep its nerve. Labour is scarcely likely to overtake the Conservatives, let alone seize the 5 per cent lead needed, given a uniform swing, to secure a clear majority.

But of course differential behaviour in marginals could cut that required 5 per cent. Whatever else the *Newsnight* poll has done it has added psychological fascination to the election.

The writer is a fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford.

## SAYINGS OF THE DAY

● In education, as in so much else, this is a Government which knows the cost of everything and the value of nothing — Mrs Shirley Williams, president of the SDP.

● I believe we will create strong trade unions, provided they are led by reasonable people who have the support of their own members and get elected and re-elected regularly by their own members — Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Employment.

● The possibility of working with a Labour or a Tory party

under another leader must be left open because it depends on policy questions — Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party.

● The Tories have a lot to say about the housing crisis except they will not build more houses — Dr John Cunningham, Labour's spokesman on the environment.

● No general in the midst of a battle has a great discussion about what he is going to do if defeated — Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP.



# Black and white of the grey vote

Every fourth voter on June 11 will be a pensioner — in some constituencies they represent 40 per cent of the vote — and the parties are wooing them with all their might. But, as George Hill finds, candidates who treat them all alike may be in for a surprise

Mrs Anna Williams, of Cardiff, said to be the oldest person alive on earth, celebrated her 114th birthday this week. If electoral qualifications had been the same in 1892 as they are today, she would have been old enough to cast her vote for or against Gladstone in his final campaign, just as she intends to use her postal vote next week for or against Mrs Thatcher (she is not saying which).

She is the doyenne of the growing army of centenarians. As a voting block, it is still some way short of swaying the result in any of Britain's marginals. But the pensioner vote, 10 million strong, is a force to be reckoned with, and is also growing.

Nobody who has witnessed a pensioners' bingo-drive baying for higher pensions, at a hint from their Labour candidate, would underestimate the determination of older voters. Labour is confident that the old, like other under-privileged groups, are a natural part of its body of support. But recent research by MORI suggests otherwise, conjuring the picture of a body of firm-minded people more likely to vote Conservative than Labour and, surprisingly, more interested in unemployment and education than in their own pensions.

Election time is traditionally a moment for pensions auctions. It is as usual Labour which has gone out most wholeheartedly to woo

the older voter, with specific promises of hefty pensions increases as a first step towards indexation, and with a special pamphlet and a high-powered rally last week to promote its plans. Some of its strongest campaigning points, like subsidies for door and window locks, are specially calculated to appeal to the anxieties of the old.

The Alliance has moved more restrainedly in the same direction, with subsidies for padlocks, pensions increases channelled towards the least well-off, and a less pronounced trace of gimmickry. "One of our proposals is for a double pension at Christmas, though personally I think that's a bit childish," says Lady Secar, Alliance spokesman on social services.

The Government's hasty rejigging of cold weather assistance last winter showed that it was not immune to similar pressures. But for this campaign the Tories have adopted an attitude of scrupulous fiscal rectitude, promising in the manifesto only to maintain the real value of state pensions. The party's strategists contend that old people would rather be treated as normal members of society, whose fundamental interests coincide with the general interest in good management and the control of inflation. "Nothing so undermines personal thrift and independence as to see the value of a lifetime's savings eaten away in

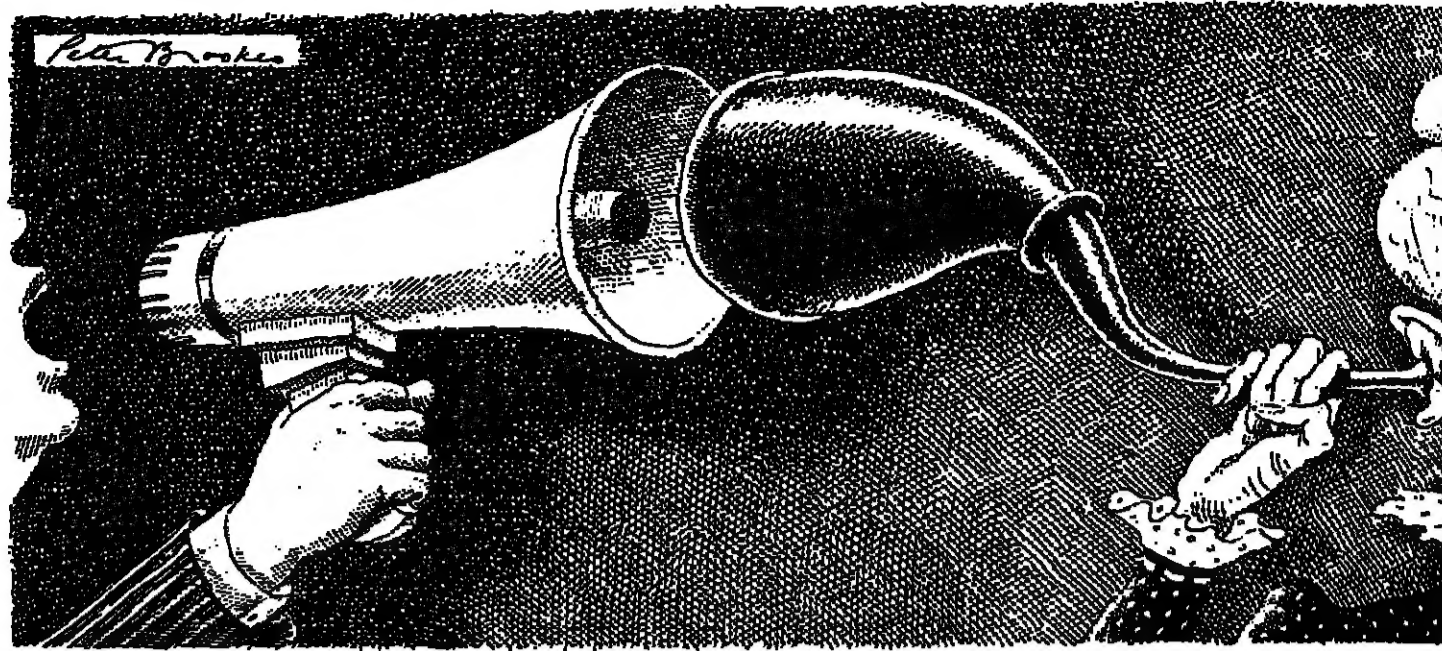
retirement through spiralling prices," the manifesto says.

Opinion polls and the statistics of wealth and poverty bear out the Tory analysis to the extent that older voters appear not markedly to think or behave as a single self-conscious interest-group. There is little reason why they should, when their economic situations are less uniform than those of the nation as a whole.

The stereotype of Darcy and Joan enduring a lonely existence on the breadline, with few of their concerns and anxieties reaching far beyond a front door not yet fitted with grant-aided padlocks, depicts only a minority. More than two-thirds of the households with the lowest fifth of incomes have heads aged more than 65. But fully half the age-group are owner-occupiers who have paid off all debts on their homes. Their commitments are less than they were, their disposable incomes and their level of savings are high.

They are too varied to be type-cast. "I don't normally think as a pensioner," says Douglas Gibbins, a 69-year-old Hampshire former civil servant. "I do think that people on the basic pension, which we're not, have come out badly in cost-of-living terms. Until 1983 I was always a Labour voter. Some of the things they are proposing are very good, but their defence policy blows it out for me."

"I finally gave up on Labour in 1978," says his Dublin-born wife Cecil. "We had to do something about the unions. Mrs Thatcher is an energetic and highly successful



prime minister — and a woman! I knew what the poverty of the 1930s was, and what strikes me today is how comfortably off people are."

"In this village we are practically beyond elections," says a 73-year-old former solicitor in Sussex. "There is only one poster in the place. Pensions are very low, aren't they? I suppose you can't live on them by themselves? But I'm afraid I'm pretty committed — I think Maggie is going to do me less harm than the rest."

"Obviously Mrs Thatcher has made a considerable mark — more than any prime minister one can remember — but I've been a CND supporter all my life, and for me that decides it," says Jimmy East, 72, a retired London headmaster.

A recent MORI survey shows that the old rate pensions as more important than do voters as a whole. This is understandable, but

what is more striking is that pensions still rank relatively low on their list. Young voters may sometimes fret about Granny, but Granny is far more likely to fret about the grandchildren. The National Health Service is important to the over-sixties, but no more so than to other voters.

There is a distinct tendency to conservatism, with a small "c". This often links up, in the nature of things, with Conservatism with a capital "C" — though the survey does not bear out a subjective impression that defence is one of the issues where this is most markedly so.

The Alliance, as a new grouping, receives relatively low support. Older voters are less easily shaken in their allegiances. Long experience has bred a degree of scepticism about political promises. But above all, they resist being type-cast.

## WHAT THE ELDERLY SAY

### VOTING INTENTION

	60+	All voters
Conservative	48%	44%
Labour	30	32
Alliance	20	23

### HOW COMMITTED

	60+	All voters
Definite	90%	87%
May change	9	12
Don't know	-	1

### THE KEY ISSUES

	60+	All voters
Unemployment	45%	51%
The NHS	39	38
Education	32	42
Defence	29	26
Pensions	25	9
Law and order	24	19
Inflation	13	11
Rates/Rent	11	6
Housing	8	11

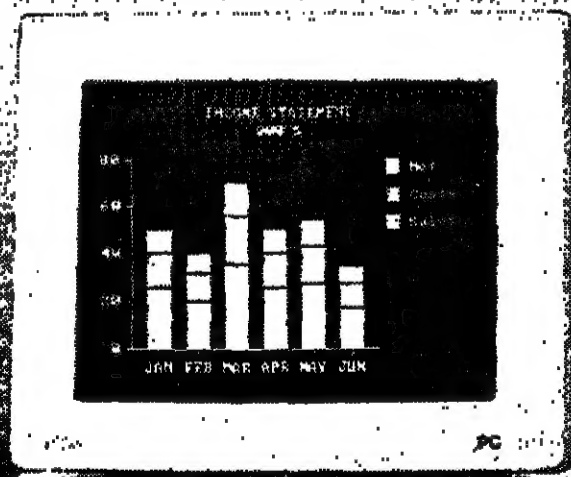
### BEST PARTY ON THE ISSUES

(Percentage of all voters in parenthesis)

	CON	LAB	SOP/LIB
Unemployment	39 (33)	33 (34)	15 (18)
The NHS	38 (27)	37 (41)	16 (18)
Education	42 (32)	31 (33)	15 (19)
Defence	56 (52)	23 (23)	12 (19)
Law and order	43 (43)	27 (25)	16 (15)
Housing	38 (34)	33 (37)	15 (15)

Source: MORI poll conducted May 27-28

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## Out of the spotlight

Defence is a major election issue, but Denzil Davies, Labour's spokesman, has a low profile

"This is Denzil Davies, Labour spokesman on defence: you've probably seen him on television," Gwilym Roberts, Labour candidate in Cannock and Burntwood, a marginal Midlands mining constituency, is trying to summon up enthusiasm for the party bigwig who enjoys the luxury of being able to take time off from defending his own 13,606 majority in Llanelli, south Wales.

Trouble is, not many people in the covered market in Cannock had seen Davies on television. They do not know him, and are not particularly interested in what he has to say. "Oh, he's famous," asks a young girl who runs the tea concession when urged "to meet the man who could be running Britain's defences next week".

Davies, 48, is a grammar school boy, with a first in law from Oxford. His mixture of left wing idealism, willingness to learn and ambition has helped him prosper in the contemporary Labour party. He even has the right (Welsh) accent.

Tall, with an engaging, chubby, babyish smile, Davies is smartly turned out in blue double-breasted Italianate suit, black slip-on shoes and shiny Paisley tie.

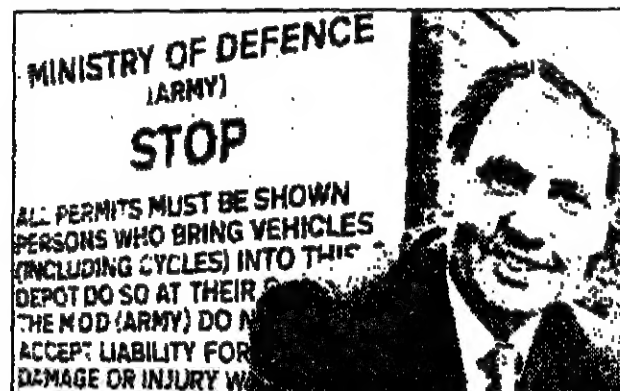
But professionals say he is bad at projecting himself on camera, which explains why, when defence flared as a major election issue last week, he was as inconspicuous as the shadow in his title.

"On the doorstep defence simply isn't the issue it was in the last (post-Falklands) election," he says guardedly. While Kinnock and Healey faced the heat in the media, the Labour machine gave Davies the less glamorous task of slogging round marginals where employment in defence industries could win seats. Labour argues that jobs in defence industries are threatened by Conservative commitment to nuclear rather than conventional defence.

At the largest military stores in Europe, C.O.D. (Command Ordnance Depot) Donnington in the neighbouring constituency of The Wrekin, Labour candidate Bruce Grocott says when Davies is Secretary of State for Defence one of his first tasks will be to put in the shredder the feasibility study which threatens jobs there through privatization.

Only six employees, all shop stewards, out of 4,000 came to Davies' meeting in the rain outside the gates of the depot. Davies promises to stop "contractualization" and says he has the support of military top brass for this.

Earlier Davies has argued that Labour's non-nuclear policy is linked inextricably to its commitment to conventional



Denzil Davies: "On the doorstep defence isn't the issue it was"

defence. Only by scrapping Trident will Britain afford to maintain its 50-frigate navy, its proposed European fighter and new weapons for its army, as well as increase its spending on Nato by 3 per cent a year, as called for by Nato's military committee last week. He says the Conservatives could not possibly do that, going so far as to suggest that, by putting conventional weaponry in doubt, they are "playing hard and fast with defence".

He promises: "This is a Nato commitment which a Labour government will be able to live up to", adding his determination that the 85 per cent British content which still goes into defence equipment will not be diluted as he claims it has been in civilian manufacturing industry.

But even among the loyal, Davies has his problems. As the six stalwart stewards shuffle in the rain, one says a colleague had asked her to ask him: "If Labour get in, will there be a depot? Will there be a defence?"

Andrew Lycett

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## THE TIMES DIARY

### Labour's failed coup

I have news for Neil Kinnock, who said the other day that talk of coups toppling Labour leaders might at best make an interesting plot for a novel: it is about to make an interesting chapter in Lord Mayhew's autobiography, *Time to Explain*, to be published later this month. In it Mayhew, the Liberal peer who as a Gaitskillite resigned as Harold Wilson's navy minister in 1966, tells how two years later he organized a plot to replace Wilson with Roy Jenkins. Jenkins, mightily interested, apparently even then was talking of leading a new political force that would "pick up the Liberals for the asking". But the plan was scuppered when a canvass of Labour MPs found that only 48 could be relied upon to come out against Wilson. Intriguingly, Mayhew claims that the conspirators—who included Patrick Gordon-Walker, Bill Rodgers, Ivor Richard, David Marquand and Dick Taverne—held their first meeting in Roy Hattersley's house in Gayfere Street.

### Star Nicholas

Watch out for Nicholas Lyell, a junior minister at the DHSS. Yesterday, for the second time in the election campaign, he took the stage at the morning press conference, this time alongside Norman Tebbit, while full members of the Cabinet—let alone parliamentary secretaries—haven't had a look in. Early in the campaign, Lyell, the candidate for Mid Bedfordshire, was singled out by the Prime Minister, who wished him luck, and who pointed out that he was now in the post that she had held 21 years before. Mind you, he still had to wait 49 minutes before he got a chance to speak yesterday...

### Carrott cut

More cold feet from the BBC? While ITV plans to precede its election results programme with a live version of *Spitting Image*, the BBC's equivalent attempt at political satire, *Jasper Carrott's Election Confidential*, has been relegated to BBC2. Carrott was used last time as a bait to draw viewers into the BBC1 election programme. Could it be that the BBC has decided this time to avoid stretching the sense of humour of politicians at a moment when their nerves will be fraying anyway? Meanwhile, a strange orthodoxy appears to be growing between the BBC and ITV over the Alliance. Demonstrating their computer graphics yesterday, both teams simulated a final Alliance vote of 31 per cent, but ITV puts Labour behind them at 29 per cent while the BBC gives Labour 32 per cent.

● A wit has improved an Alliance poster in London's Farringdon Road that features the two Davids above the slogan "The only friends on the menu" by adding: "Self-by date: June 11."

### Derby dropouts

The politicians' traditional day out at the Derby appears to have been ruined by the run-up to the general election. Unless my eyes are failing, the race, which attracted 250,000 spectators, failed to lure prospective members from their doorstep-slogging. Even the *Commons* bookmaking representative and former betting-shop owner, Richard Holt, gave up his annual visit.

### Cup fever

It was the nightmare of officials at sporting events. A muggy day, wind, crowds, sweating hands and a cup that slipped inexorably towards the concrete floor. Such, I'm afraid to say, was the fate of yesterday's brand-new £4,000 Epsom Derby prize. A red-faced official from the Clerk of the Course's office took the blame. The cup, made for this year's race, now features a jauntily bent handle on the top of the lid.

● The Japanese are promoting what they call the ultimate convenience food: a credit card-sized meal. Called *paper*, the producers maintain it contains 100 per cent natural ingredients with 14 flavours from salmon to apple. But I gather the consumers are not overfond of the taste of the paste.

### Blue period

Guitarist Andres Segovia, whose obituary appears today, will be remembered by some as much for being the subject of Picasso's portrait "The Man with the Blue Guitar" as for his music. The painting inspired Wallace Stevens's poem of the same name, which has become one of this century's most important metaphors for the transforming powers of art: "The man replied things as they are. Are changed upon the blue guitar." And David Hockney produced an illustrated edition of the poem of the painting of the original music.

PHS

The Times commissioned the Poet Laureate to add to the 1987 general election debate. This is his poetic contribution

# FIRST THINGS FIRST

(An Election Duet, performed in the Womb, by foetal Twins)

by Ted Hughes

Poet Laureate

#### FIRST TWIN:

If the cost of a mountain of butter is poisoned water in your tap and Cot-Death

If the cost of a mountain of grain is poisoned bread on your plate and for the farmer's child (and yours) Leukaemia

If the cost of the Gross National Product is for trees no leaves for waters no fish and for you cortical plaques, neurofibrillary tangles Presenile Dementia

etc  
etc  
etc etc etc

And if the cost of the Expansion of the World Chemical Industry taken as a whole over the last two decades is a 40% drop in the sperm count of all human males (nor can God alone help the ozone layer or the ovum)

Then let what can't be sold to your brother and sister be released on the third world and let it return by air and sea to drip down the back of your own throat at night

Because

#### BOTH TWINS (singing):

Man's brain is such a toxin  
(O hear our foetal shout)  
Nothing surer than man's brain  
Will wipe the menace out.

#### SECOND TWIN:

The Sphinx is man's nobility.  
The riddle—our own story.  
Bored, experimental beast,  
Earth for laboratory.

#### BOTH (singing):

The heady bubbles of the brain  
Give men their giddy legs O  
So bang your skulls together boys  
And drain it to the dregs O

#### SECOND:

Our riddle is: "Why aren't we right?"  
So to correct our error  
We can only double it  
In exponential terror.

#### BOTH (singing):

The heady bubbles of the brain (etc)

#### SECOND:

Although the Bomb, that ended War,  
Was greatly to our tastes,  
Who'd have thought the very globe  
Would shrivel with the wastes?

#### BOTH (singing):

The heady bubbles of the brain (etc)

#### SECOND:

Yet who declared: "No matter though  
We atom-happy men  
Rid Earth of Life, the Bugs of space  
Will start it up again?"

#### BOTH (singing):

The heady bubbles of the brain (etc)

#### SECOND:

Snap your fingers at death's frown.  
Eat, drink and be jolly.  
The only folly of our fun  
Is to bewail our folly.

#### BOTH (singing):

The heady bubbles of the brain (etc)

#### SECOND:

Who wants to last forever?  
Let's take another sup  
For everything pitched in the ditch  
Comes back into the cup.

#### BOTH (singing):

Then off to bed, for every head's  
In labour with the pains  
Until the Monkey Mutant  
Can bear a brain with brains.

## Anglo-Saxon twilight

Over the past century the world economy has been dominated by two countries, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. A measure of their domination is given by adding their gross national products and comparing it with the product of the industrial world as a whole. As the figures in the table show, their combined share first exceeded 40 per cent in about 1870. It has remained above that level ever since, but it has declined from the peak of over 60 per cent reached just after the Second World War.

But the "40 per cent or more" statistic—striking though it is—does not convey the full importance of the two nations' contribution. If the past century has been remarkable for the extent of the Anglo-American ascendancy, it has also been exceptional for its rapid rate of economic progress. Never before has the world economy enjoyed a century of 3 per cent a year economic growth. (This may not sound much, but 3 per cent a year over a 100-year period implies a 20-fold rise in output.)

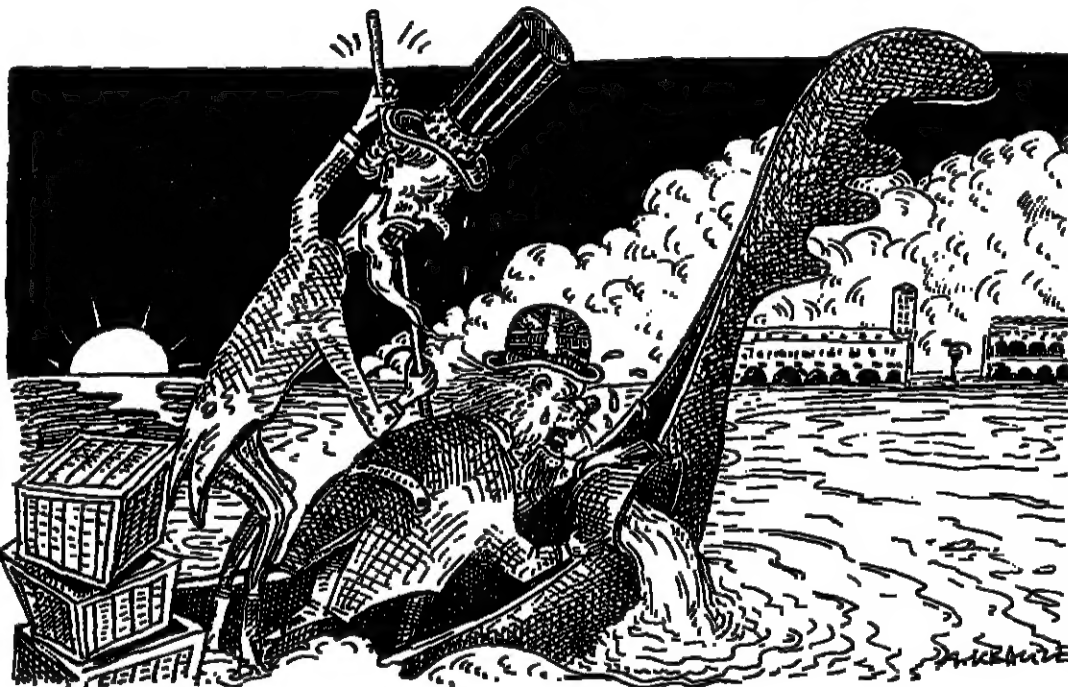
Anglo-American dominance and world economic success have come together. There are perhaps two main reasons for this. The first is that the UK and the US can be bracketed together as the two Western democracies with the most consistent adherence to the ideals of liberal internationalism. More specifically they have tried to foster an open international trading order and to provide a stable, freely convertible currency for universal use. They have also been effective sponsors of institutions such as the International Monetary Fund supportive of an open world economy.

Second, the two countries have often behaved as a single agent because of their shared common cultural background and overlapping economic interests through the influence of Maynard Keynes. Because the UK and the US have acted together, the world economy has over long periods had a unique centre of authority or, in effect, a single police force. This is crucial to understanding the stability—and, hence, the economic success—of the past century.

Awareness of the Anglo-American commitment to the free exchange of goods and capital, and of the productive (and military) power behind it, has reduced fears that trade and other flows would be interrupted by warfare, political accidents or frank commercial discrimination.

As a result, the ratio of trade to world output is higher today than ever before, while capital movements across frontiers are on an unprecedented scale. This trend towards internationalization is fundamental to explaining the rapidity of world economic growth over the past century. Countries have been able to specialize and exploit economies of scale in particular industries, greatly increasing the efficiency of production. They have also had early access to new and improved technologies.

The importance of the world having one, and only one, police force is readily seen by comparing it with another world with two, three or more pretend police forces. A small, delinquent country in a peripheral region may start



### Tim Congdon and David Hale on the new world economic order that must follow the decline in British and US trading power

causing irritation (terrorism, trade restrictions, refusal to honour debts) to its neighbours. If these neighbours appeal to a police force at the centre, the delinquent country appeals to a rival police force. The central powers become involved in endless squabbles on behalf of aggrieved client states. The breakdown of good relations, by undermining the tendency towards internationalization, impedes the progress towards more specialized and large-scale production. Economic growth slows down and, in the extreme, may even be replaced by economic contraction.

The potential incoherence of a world with more than one police force was demonstrated vividly between the two World Wars. Anglo-America accounted for over 40 per cent of all industrial output, but Britain itself no longer had the resources to maintain a worldwide policing role, while the US was unwilling to assume the functions Britain had performed. Largely as a result, a series of financial and trade conflicts overwhelmed the capacity of central bankers and finance ministers to restrain protectionism and avert worldwide economic collapse.

It would be rash and unwarranted to forecast that the world economy in the 1990s will return to the turmoil of the 1930s. But, as during the inter-war years, the challenge facing the Western

nations over the next decade will be to maintain an open world economy and currency stability in the face of a large power transfer. The UK has, of course, been a relatively minor force in international economic diplomacy for at least 20 years. What is new is that the US has become increasingly over-extended in both economic and military terms.

The UK and the US combined now account for about 40 per cent of industrial world GNP, the lowest ratio for a century and likely to fall further over the next decade. Because of the advance of Japan and Western Europe since 1945, Anglo-America no longer has such a commanding influence over international economic relations.

The US's current account deficit—now above 3 per cent of GNP—has been used to finance a boom in public and private consumption, not the creation of an expanded capital stock to generate new exports for debt servicing. The failure of the US to increase its rate of investment during the 1980s suggests that it will be difficult for the American people to correct their trade deficit without reducing living standards in the future. Once the full consequences of this adjustment become apparent to the public, there is a danger that the resurgent American confidence of the Reagan era could degenerate into

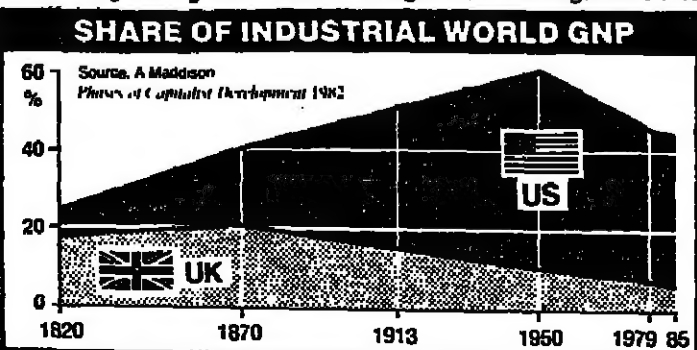
a frustrated nationalism, spawning a new political mood conducive to isolationism.

As there is no single nation capable of taking over the US's place in the world, the Western alliance must now develop a multilateral framework for sharing burdens and responsibilities which were previously maintained by dominant Anglo-America. Europe and Japan will have to increase their defence budgets as the US winds down its external military presence. New institutional mechanisms will have to be created for recycling Japan's surplus savings to the developing countries. Japan, West Germany and other creditor nations will have to spearhead the international effort to limit protectionism because the US itself will increasingly be in the vanguard of trade restraint.

The 1930s are an awful warning of what can happen to a world community with several contending military rivals and to a world economy without a single central power managing a well-defined financial order. Indeed, as the sequence of 12 summit conferences preceding this week's in Venice testifies, most Western leaders have yet to grasp the full magnitude of the task which lies ahead.

Recent British history has demonstrated that it can take great nations many years to bring political expectations into line with changes in their economic resources. The problem for the Western alliance is that it cannot permit a global power vacuum to develop as post-Reagan America adjusts to its new economic status. Hence, if the heads of government in Venice are to pursue any common theme at this year's summit, it should be how to prepare the West for a reconvergence between political responsibility and economic might, and so to avoid the risk of the US abandoning many of its traditional responsibilities before other nations are ready to assume them.

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Ronald Butt

## True enemy of the Alliance

Dr David Owen was worried on Tuesday. He may be feeling more sanguine now as a result of the *Newsnight* poll of marginal constituencies which suggests an improvement in the Alliance's election prospects. But let us suppose that the prospect of a hung parliament has slipped away. Was the SDP leader right to be telling the voters that this election is perhaps a "never-to-occur-again" opportunity for a hung parliament, with the clear implication that the survival of the Alliance as a distinct political force could depend on its achieving the balance of power?

The oddest thing about his remarks was the explanation which he offered afterwards. He had not, he said, implied that the Alliance would have "had it" if the voters failed to grasp the opportunity to give them the balance of power. He meant that there would then be a sea-change in the Alliance's prospects because it would be pitched into a protracted struggle with Labour which "will take a long time dying".

Yet this is the very struggle that the Alliance has to face if it is to become a major force in British politics. It is precisely because it has not faced it, and has preferred to offer a third way of compromise, that the Alliance prospects have been sliding.

It is possible that the Alliance will put on a spurt in the last week of the campaign and increase the number of its seats. But a hung parliament still seems unlikely. Moreover, if the Alliance did well enough to be in sight of holding the balance of power, it is almost as likely that seats would change to fall in such a way as to let Labour in narrowly.

What the SDP needs, as I have argued here for several years, is a third Thatcher term and a decisive defeat for Labour which will establish once and for all that voters have turned their back on what Labour now stands for. This would give the SDP the opportunity to replace Labour as the main opposition party to the Tories.

Dr Owen should note how much Mr Ken Livingstone, who is in many respects the personification of Neil Kinnock's hidden logic, wants a hung Parliament. "We only need that," he told *The Guardian*, "and we win." Everyone, he thought, would vote Mrs Thatcher down, from the Ulster Unionists to Liberals, with blocks of Labour voters breathing down her neck. So the Queen would send for Mr Kinnock.

Mr Livingstone may not be quite correct. It would certainly be virtually impossible for the Alliance to combine with Labour's extremism, and it is quite likely that the Tories would refuse to co-operate with the Alliance. There would therefore have to be another election quickly. But it is quite possible that, with minority parties inactive, such an election would be called with the Tories still in office. Speculation on that matter is profitless, but it needs to be said that a hung parliament

has at least as many dangers for Dr Owen and his friends as for the Conservatives.

What, then, should the Alliance's tactics be in the final week of the campaign? If they were sensible, they would abandon the even-handed approach of declared willingness to negotiate with either side, with Dr Owen usually giving the impression that he inclines to the Tories and Mr Steel leaving no doubt that he still hankers after a Lib-Lab pact. They should invite the voters to face the true significance of this election. This is that, although the Conservatives are the Alliance's destined opponent for the long term, in this election the enemy that immediately threatens the Alliance's survival is Labour.

It is, of course, odd that the immediate enemy should be the party which they have to replace in the political spectrum. Since Labour has now placed itself so far outside the kind of long-term social market consensus which both the Tories and SDP want to see (in their different ways), for the moment they have more interest in attacking Labour than each other. If there is to be a new start, based on what has been achieved in the past eight years, and with a classless society freed from union power and inflationary erosion, Labour has to be seen off the main political premises.

Dr Owen should come off the fence, and find a way of explaining that Labour is the common enemy. He should set his sights on persuading Conservative voters that they have a common interest in defeating Labour candidates where self-evidently their own candidates have no chance. The kind of tactical voting which would make most sense would be voting for the Alliance by Tories where their own candidates clearly have no chance, and voting for the Tories by Alliance supporters who know that their intervention cannot gain the seat for themselves and might give it to Labour.

It would be hard to overstate the importance of this election for the future structure of classless politics. The danger is that it could be thrown away by the conflict among themselves of the representatives of moderation. So far, the Conservatives have run an appalling campaign. They have let the Labour Party get away with a bogus vision of a future in which blocks of Labour voters breathing down her neck. So the Queen would send for Mr Kinnock.

As for the Tories' own offering for the future, the voters must find it hard to discover from the campaign itself what the vision for the future is, apart from changing the financing of a few schools and the freehold arrangements of council houses. Fortunately, the electorate has got its own instincts, its memory, and its good sense, but so far in this election both the Alliance and the Tories have been their own worst enemies.

however... Basil Boothroyd

## Confessions of a card shirk

At first I thought of making the announcement in the personal column, but this is cheaper. From now on I shall not be sending holiday postcards.

It isn't a decision widely rushed into. I have had a trial run, and it worked a treat. We have already been away once this year, and I didn't send any, and none of the people I usually send them to said that they hadn't had one. But as they never used to say they had, even when they had, why not kick the habit?

My wife sent 48. She will be around this mark again in September, when we go off once more to our *pueblo*. I wouldn't have counted, except from honest curiosity, admiration, and an eye on the funds. Spain, or our bit of it, is only gradually exercising her EEC postal privileges. Though we can now write there from Britain for a pan-European 18p, our *pueblo* stamp-shop, which also sells vests, fly-swats and ballpoints with a swirly on them who strips naked when you hold her the other way up, is still rooking us at pre-entry prices.

This means that my wife's dispatches to a wide circle of friends, grandchildren and their dogs and dillies, sprinkled with neighbours committed to watering pot-plants and taking in the dubs, still work out at some 2,500 pesetas in portraits of King Juan Carlos alone. Chuck in the actual cards and it tops up no end.

I don't grudge it. Am even indulgent with her theory, widely shared by travellers abroad, that to send the things in envelopes, instead of raw, speeds them on their way. They will make it from southern Granada to Haywards Heath, that is, in two weeks instead of three. But it means costlier pictures of the king.

This theory I could have shot down this very morning, when our weekly daily, on her second visit since we got back, thanked us for her picture of donkeys, in resigned attitudes and a purple Spanish dusk, which had just arrived.

I wish she had brought it. I always wonder what the messages are. They fill all available space, I notice that. We always go to the

same place. What's new to tell the twins' golden retriever, or Mrs Gibbon at the greengrocer's?

Anyway, she streams the stuff out. Many a day I'm eager for the beach while she's writing against time. "You go on down. If I don't do the McRivents today they'll never get it."

My own trial run of non-sending failed to free me from card-related stress. They arose mainly from the nagging feeling that I ought to be sending some, and from the same old brai-teasers on what the hell to say on them if I did. There are complications. If you do think of something good, such as "Getting a great tan but sea v. cold," you must remember not to repeat it to recipients who could meet each other in the greengrocer's.

"I hear the Bs are getting a great tan," they say. "Oh, yes," says Mrs Gibbon, tipping sprouts. "But the sea's very cold." It can undermine the very relationships you were striving to uphold.

This, I think, doesn't worry my wife, crouched in a hot flat scribbling with a naked swimsuit girl. She is not in the literary line of business. The man of letters, or cards, can sweat his vacation away in pursuit of a neat turn of phrase. The laywoman just slaps it down, going right over into the address section with descriptions of meals, or discoveries of hand-baked pots and people she used to know in Hastings, it's a small world.

Last September, before this year's trial run, I wrote on all my cards: "I never know what to write on these cards." It seemed the answer. But my literary conscience took to waking me in the night. Was this the best I could do? The shame of it.

Next time, now that my grave decision has been reached, all such anxieties will dissolve. No cards. That's final.

Besides, what fun to come back to a flock of cards from other travellers, slotted in among the junk mail, and gloat over what a bore it must have been for them.

Not, I hope, that I shall say that when they ask me in Mrs Gibbon's sprouts queue if I got their card. I shall be too busy racking my brains to remember.



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## CRITICAL TIME FOR TRIDENT

The House of Commons Defence Committee report on the procurement of the Trident missile must generally give cause for satisfaction in the Government. Emerging one week before an election in which defence is so important an issue, it broadly confirms cost estimates — which have gone down rather than up.

The indications are not entirely rosy. A rise of £322m in the estimated cost of developing the warhead in this country has been only partly offset by a saving of £269m on associated costs within the United States. The report also appears to confirm rumours of potential delays caused by problems within the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment at Aldermaston.

Nor have British firms been very successful in winning Trident contracts in the United States as negotiated in the 1982 agreement. So far some 55 companies have been awarded a total of 229 contracts. The total value amounts to only \$52m — which is no more than one per cent of this country's Trident spending in the US.

There has been steady progress, however, as the report acknowledges. Only a considerable optimist could have hoped for anything better. Those contracts which have been won by this country have contributed, together with the relative strength of sterling, to the programme's success in consistently falling below its estimated costs for the last three years.

This is a testing time for the Trident programme as it enters its peak spending period. Expenditure will more than double, from £360m in the last financial year to £852m in 1987-8. As a proportion of the defence budget it rises from 1.9 to 4.7 per cent and, equally dramatically, from 4.3 to 10.3 per cent of the equipment budget. This coincides with a decline in Government spending on defence

after seven years of more or less continuous increase.

By last month £3,000m, roughly one-third of the total programme cost, had been committed. This figure should rise again significantly this summer when an order for the second submarine is expected to be placed. Money has now been committed for all four boats and the system remains, officially, on target for completion in about ten years' time.

These figures in the Defence Committee report serve only to underline the crucial timing of this election for the future of Britain's strategic deterrent. The new government, if it were to serve its full five-year term, would be in power until 1992. By that time half the Trident programme's costs would have been met and the system would be well on the way to its completion.

The response of any Labour administration coming to power at such a time would depend on its balance between left and right. But the Alliance, if under the influence of Dr Owen, would certainly recognise the realities of such a situation.

The Defence Committee is performing a valuable service by monitoring the programme in this way and deserves all help and encouragement from the defence ministry. The procurement of a new national deterrent, 20 years since the first Polaris boat entered service, is inevitably an expensive and controversial issue. There is bound to be an impact on the equipment budget, which will require informed debate in the country at large and skilful management in Whitehall.

There are still several areas of uncertainty which the committee has been unable to clarify. But the general message of this report must be that Trident is on course and that the outgoing Government's faith in it remains justified.

## MR HAWKE'S PLACE IN HISTORY?

Mr Bob Hawke, Australia's Prime Minister, promised his electorate two months ago that he would not call an election before time (the next one was due about eight months from now). But he has now called one for July 11.

The immediate reason for his political volte-face, so he says, is the Senate's rejection of his Labour government's bill to introduce a national identity card. Spoiling tactics by the opposition in the Senate, where his party is in the minority, have forced his hand in the interests of good government.

Mr Hawke can, as they say, tell that to the marines. Irritating though it may be to have one's legislative programme impeded by an awkward upper house, it is hard to believe that this was the spur which moved him.

Another reason given by the government is that it needed a more secure mandate for the economic programme which lies ahead. The nature of this programme was outlined in mid-May when Mr Paul Keating, the Treasury Minister, announced severe cuts in public spending, to help tackle the national deficit and rising foreign debt. But if this is the truth, it is certainly not the whole truth.

Mr Hawke's decision to go to the country early is based of course on the poor state of the opposition. He made his pledge not to do so before the collapse of the Liberal-National Party coalition. The temptation for him to renege on this, and pressure on him to do so from the other MPs in his party, always looked as if it would prove irresistible at some stage.

A favourable reaction to Mr Keating's mini-budget and a lead, if not a big one, in the opinion polls, must have clinched it for him. Few premiers would have passed up the opportunity to make history — in his case by leading Labour into an unprecedented third term in office.

Having said that, one must question whether the frequency of elections in Australia is really such a good thing for the country. This will be the eighth in 15 years — and Australians are already showing signs of weariness. It was indeed partly in deference to this growing political

enqui that Mr Hawke promised to let them have a year free from polling — though cynics said it would also give the electorate more time to recover from a heavy dose of austerity.

The weakness of the Australian system is that the maximum parliamentary term is three years. This hardly gives a new government time to find its feet before it has to start thinking of winning another mandate.

This being the case, it almost obliges an ambitious Prime Minister to call a snap election when the time is right — to give himself a further three years to complete his government programme. The result, however, can be a series of short-term governments averaging under two years in office. This may sound like a triumph for democracy but it sounds equally like a disaster for efficient administration and the development of long-term policies.

A nation committed by its constitution to such rapid transfers of power might consider introducing fixed-term parliaments of three years. Fixed-term parliaments have their supporters and detractors. But in Australia's case they would at least ensure that a government had three years in which to legislate.

A more sensible reform, however, would be to lengthen the parliamentary term to a new maximum of four years or even five. This is not a new idea to Australians — the present Labour government came close to holding the necessary referendum to test public feeling several years ago. But nothing so far has done.

While the Liberals and the National Party are in such disarray, their 40 years of political matrimony severed by quarrels involving personalities as well as policies, the extension of a Labour party mandate would hardly be met with enthusiasm by Australian conservatives. But no time is ever the right time for everyone and, with the country facing some hard economic realities in the next few years, this might not turn out to be a bad time for Australia.

## Mixed reception

From Lady Saltoun  
Sir, Perhaps I can help Mr Humphrey Drummond (May 27) with his strange problem of arriving at hotel reception desks accompanied by a wife who bears a different name.

I solved it soon after I succeeded to my father's peerage, thanks to the good offices of the Glasgow passport office, to which I had applied for a new passport in my peerage name.

One of their staff telephoned me to ask how I wished my name to appear in the passport and I put to him this problem, which others

had had before me. He suggested that in my passport be inscribed the magic words: "Lady Saltoun is the wife of Captain Alexander Ramsay of Mar". I have never had any trouble.

It does, of course, mean taking one's passport with one when staying at hotels in Britain where one is not known. Yours faithfully, LADY SALTOUN, House of Lords, May 28.

## Ring the changes

From Mrs B. M. Morison  
Sir, Mr Arnold Freedman's letter

estimated age at death preserved in our anatomical museums was currently countable on the fingers of one hand. (It is doubtful whether this number has seen an interim increase).

Accordingly I procured for Professor Wright some 20 lumbar spines from the autopsied bodies of children within the relevant age groups, the age and sex of each being known. These specimens were macerated and an illustrated account of each was duly forwarded to my enquirer.

The material so examined revealed so wide a variation in the successive stages of lumbar vertebra development as to invalidate such development as a reliable criterion of child age. It may well be, therefore, that the age at death of the individuals represented by the Tower skeletons remains still undetermined on osteological grounds. Yours faithfully, A. J. E. CAVE, 18 Orchard Avenue, Church End, Finchley, N3, May 26.

(May 28) on the vagaries of greengrocers' spelling reminded me of my local supplier, who excused his own bizarre orthography, liberally garnished with apostrophes (sic), on the ground that he was exceptionally good at mental arithmetic.

Not so a former pupil, on her Saturday job, who undercharged a colleague of mine and, when this was pointed out, replied cheerfully: "Never mind, Miss, teachers don't get much money..." Yours faithfully, BETTY MORISON, 32 Ashfield Lane, Chislehurst, Kent, May 29.

## Charities appeal

From Sir Francis Avery Jones  
Sir, I felt unmoved by Mr James Ashworth's plea (May 27) for better suggestions of the local collections by the well known national charities. In the 1984-85 statistics the four deserving charities he mentioned between them had a total voluntary income of no less than £37,586,000.

Now in retirement, also living in West Sussex, I am amazed and heartened to note how many local voluntary associations there are, providing invaluable support for the young, the elderly and the disabled, making admirable use of their very limited funding. Furthermore, they provide much interest and activity for many who are retired.

However important the national or international causes may be, I believe that charity should start on one's doorstep! Yours faithfully, F. AVERY JONES, Mill House, Nutbourne, Pulborough, West Sussex, May 28.

## Nautical heritage in jeopardy

From Mrs Valerie Fenwick and Dr Henry Cleere

Sir, The National Maritime Museum, set up in 1934, is the baby of our national museums. In 1970 senior staff and funding were one tenth the British Museum's, one quarter the National History Museum's and approximately one third those of the V & A and Science Museums.

In the seventies the NMM energetically upgraded curators and remodelled galleries. The museum provided an education service, international symposia and numerous publications. It recognised a new potential — nautical archaeology — by setting up the Archaeological Research Centre as the national focus for information and expertise.

Remodelled, it still remained the smallest national museum, so the current deletion of more than 30 posts is catastrophic. The Archaeological Research Centre has been abolished. Only a token (grade E) post remains, despite the director's statement last August that the museum remained "committed to the subject and practice of maritime archaeology".

While other countries provide for their underwater heritage we ignore ours. For instance, since 1984 salvors have destroyed three well preserved English East India ships in UK waters. None has ever been recorded or preserved. We now have no professional unit to do so.

Should either scholarly excellence or nautical archaeology be sacrificed for — to quote the current director of the museum — "the greater strength of collections management" and the acquisition of beautiful paintings? Yours faithfully, V. H. FENWICK (Chairman, Committee on Nautical Archaeology), HENRY CLEERE, Director, Council for British Archaeology, 112 Kensington Road, SE11, June 1.

## 'An Affair of State'

From Sir Philip de Zulueta  
Sir, Contrary to Mrs Brown Astor's experience (May 25), the authors of *An Affair of State* did not even trouble to speak to me before publishing their book.

If they had, I should have told them that their story that I was in the habit of inviting Harold Macmillan and Stephen Ward to tea together at a cottage which I then had on the Cliveden estate, and that Macmillan therefore knew Ward, was completely untrue. I never had a cottage at Cliveden.

This false allegation in the book is most damaging to Harold Macmillan's reputation, since it implies that he subsequently lied in the House of Commons. I feel therefore that I must correct the record and, like Lord Denning (June 3), seek the courtesy of your columns.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP DE ZULUETA, Eastgate House, Eastgate, Nr. Chichester, West Sussex, June 3.

## Level of living

From Mr J. Duncan Thomas  
Sir, Reading Wilfred Beckerman's article on "Pensioners and privilege" (May 27) inclines me to believe he and I live in different worlds.

I am 71, a bachelor, reduced by circumstances to living on a basic pension of £49.51, plus 61p supplementary benefit, without any other assets. I must admit my local council pays my rent. My case is surely not unique.

I cannot afford to travel, even on half-price bus fare privilege, or afford the licence to watch TV. Keeping myself warm and adequately fed are as much as I can afford. My only extravagance is my daily Times, one last link with a more civilised past which, with its crossword puzzle, diverts my mind from more austere matters.

Perhaps, not in his world but in mine, these few extra pounds for those who really need it. Yours faithfully, J. DUNCAN THOMAS, 2 Croes Allyn, Llanallgo, Moelfre, Anglesey, Gwynedd, May 24.

## Church sculpture

From Mr Edward Allington  
Sir, As the artist responsible for the work entitled "Resting Form", which is at present enjoying a brief sojourn of six weeks in the porch of St Martin-in-the-Fields, I feel obliged to respond to the recent letters of Lord Montagu (May 23) and Sir John Gielgud (May 18).

With respect, their opinions do not interest me. However, there are two points I would like to raise.

Firstly, Lord Montagu seems, in his covertly expressed desire to expand the auspices of The English Heritage, to have overlooked an issue which is, to my mind, crucial: that a church such as this is and should be a living entity, which has not only a duty to preserve its past but also a duty to embrace the present.

It is therefore quite correct that the church should decide upon its own destiny, however tempting might be the desire to succumb to nostalgia and condemn this magnificent edifice as if it were some dead and exquisite preserve to be pickled in asphalt.

I also find it curious that Lord Montagu should find the brief

## A conflict of interest over Britain's defence aims

From Dr Anthony Weaver  
Sir, Not being a member of the Labour Party, I have no reason to speak up for Mr Kinnock, yet think we should be extremely grateful to him for raising the issues of non-nuclear and even non-military defence, which may well become a feasible proposition by the time of a subsequent election.

The instant reactions of politicians, as reported in *The Times* today (May 26, later editions), seem to be surprisingly uninformed and entirely to ignore moral questions about the indiscriminate slaughter which the use of modern weapons involves.

May Mrs Thatcher, who scorns "some kind of guerrilla bands", be reminded of the success of the Vietnamese against the might of the United States? Though occupied, theirs was certainly not a policy of surrender. Similarly one may point to the success in the last century of Garibaldi, pre-eminently a guerrilla, against the Austrians and the Neapolitans, or in World War Two of the Norwegian non-violent resistance which prevented Quisling setting up a corporate state.

To argue that Britain requires a nuclear deterrent is to advocate proliferation to other countries. How is it that Finland (next door to the Soviet Union), Sweden, Switzerland, Yugoslavia and others regard themselves safer as neutrals? For Dr Owen to speak of a "meatless lion" is to reveal adherence to a totally outmoded notion of virility.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY WEAVER, 1 St Barnabas Villas, SW8, May 26.

From Mrs Mary Sheldon  
Sir, By castigating both Mrs Thatcher and Mr Kinnock for their recent statements on defence Sir Michael Howard (feature, May 30) verges on the impartial. Unfortunately, his own comments defy logic.

On the one hand he derides the fear that the Soviet Union may subjugate Western Europe by armed force, but on the other he admits that the continuation of peaceful co-existence depends on "the continuing strength and unity of the Alliance".

It follows, surely, that should this strength fail, co-existence may cease to be peaceful — the very essence of Mrs Thatcher's case.

Yours faithfully, MARY SHELDON, 5 Onslow Square, SW7.

From Mr C. G. Keen  
Sir, Professor Sir Michael Howard, in his article, "Defence: the real issue" (May 30), states that Mr Kinnock might have more appropriately referred to the Finns rather than the Norwegians as a nation whose independent spirit and proven capacity to defend themselves has earned them a privileged position within the Soviet sphere of influence.

In fact, the Finns were decisively defeated by the Soviet

Union in their last military encounter and, as a result, had to cede the whole of their eastern province of Karelia, besides having to make massive reparations, the result of which has been to make them economically dependent on the Soviet Union and to adopt policies, both foreign and domestic, which do not offend their powerful neighbour.

Any attempt at destabilisation or annexation of Finland by Russia, as happened to the three other Baltic States, would almost certainly force Sweden to abandon her policy of neutrality and join Nato.

Perhaps Professor Howard and Mr Kinnock should ask any Finn what provides the best guarantee of real freedom — *sivu* (the Finnish for "guts") or a credible deterrent.

Yours faithfully, C. G. KEEN, Anthony Cottage, Chalfont St. Giles, Buckinghamshire.

From Mr Ronald Higgins  
Sir, You say (leading article, May 21):

The zero-zero option remains what Mrs Thatcher believed it to be in the first place: a danger to the peace of Europe...

and proceed to add a huge range of preconditions for it that were never proposed at the time.

In fact, Mrs Thatcher said on November 1, 1983:

No one would be better pleased than the Government if the result of the negotiations was a zero option by the end of the year.

The zero-zero option is not "so-called", as you now put it. The West called for it and some now wish to forget the fact.

Yours sincerely,

RONALD HIGGINS (Director, Dunamis), St James's Church, 197 Piccadilly, W1, May 26.

From Mr John Mortimer, QC  
Sir, In the sound and fury of the defence debate it seems extraordinary that so many politicians and commentators have failed to learn the lesson of Chernobyl. That disaster clearly demonstrated that neither side could use a nuclear weapon in Europe without polluting and destroying their own country.

In these circumstances the Labour policy is surely the only sensible one, and the outdated rhetoric of Mrs Thatcher and Dr David Owen is no more than the pointless rattling of a sabre which, if drawn, would kill us all.

Yours faithfully, JOHN MORTIMER, Turville Heath Cottage, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, May 30.

From Mr Murray Johnstone  
Sir, Mr Kinnock does not seem to have considered that the UK, under his prime ministership, might not be acceptable as a member of Nato.

Our agreement with our Allies is

## Help for debtors

From Mrs Sheila Jefferson  
Sir, I read with interest the article by Robin Young (May 26) about debtors. As a magistrate I usually see these unfortunate people when they have failed to pay fines or buy a TV licence, or have stolen from the electric meter. Further fines and imprisonment are not the answer.

Fortunately in our area the probation office have appointed a probation assistant as a debt liaison officer. She has the task of working with the offender and the creditors to arrange a satisfactory solution for the payment of debts on a very tight budget.

Her success rate is impressive and she has to refuse requests from non-offenders to help manage their finances, due to her heavy workload. Yours faithfully, S. JEFFERSON, University of York, Centre for Health Economics, York.

## PEN tribute

From the President of International PEN  
Sir, In his sympathetic article (May 27) about the 50th Congress of PEN in Lugano and about the work of the English Centre of PEN, Euan Cameron rightly pays tribute to a number of people responsible for the English Centre's present vigour, but omits the name of the most important of all. This is that of its General Secretary, Josephine Pulein-Thompson.

It is, above all, because of this remarkable woman's tireless but self-effacing work for the centre for more than a decade that it is now both in the van in the battle for freedom of expression and enjoying a constant increase of membership.

Yours truly, FRANCIS KING, President, International PEN, 38 King Street, WC2.

## Holy orders?

From Mr Frederick C. Moon  
Sir, I have just returned from matins at Bath Abbey where, as most readers must know from recent reports (May 28), applause at Bath Festival and other secular concerts is forbidden. The Anthem was Orlando Gibbons's "O clap your hands".

The rector has his own quiet sense of humour! Yours faithfully, FREDK. C. MOON, 7 Glenclair Court, Pulteney Road, Bath, Avon, May 31.

that an attack on one is deemed to be an attack on all. The response to such an attack is only selective in that it is based on the agreed concept of flexibility, from conventional up to and including nuclear weapons.

If he is to so weaken a whole area of the Nato defences as to invite an attack, he undermines the Alliance as well as his own country. If he understands this, he has postulated a policy that is treacherous to the Alliance, if he does not know what he is doing, he is incompetent. At the very least, his policy is irresponsible.

He said that he is prepared to die for his country, but he has shown that the country he would like would have insufficient differences in ideals from the socialist republics to warrant his sacrifice. Yours faithfully, MURRAY JOHNSTONE, Lilac Cottage, Uffington Green, Reading, Berkshire, June 1.

## ON THIS DAY

JUNE 4 1859

The distinguished Swedish explorer, Karl Johann Andersson (1857-87), was not just a hunter. General Smuts rated him as second only to Livingston. He died while trying to reach the source of the Cuneene river.

## ELEPHANT-HUNTING IN AFRICA.

Two letters have recently been received from Mr Charles John [sic] Andersson, the African traveller. In the first, which is dated "August 30, 1858," he says:

"About two months ago I wrote you from the banks of the Omurru river... my wagon was to proceed to Ojtimboque (Richterfeldt) to be repaired, while I myself slowly wended my way to the river (rather wretched) from which I now address you, with the view of seeing some unexplored country, and for the purpose of hunting elephants, and I have to some extent accomplished both these objects."

"I encountered a very considerable number of elephants, but unfortunately chiefly cows with their young, which are both dangerous and unprofitable. I have had some perilous adventures with these animals, and have been taught some severe lessons, which I am not likely to forget, and, if I have not got a great deal of ivory, I have gained a great deal of experience and some interesting insight into the natural history of the African elephant. However, besides some female elephants, I have killed several truly noble bulls."

"... Nothing gives a person a better idea of their stupendous powers than a day's walk through one of their favourite haunts. There may be seen whole tracts of forest laid prostrate, and such trees sometimes! The trees, which are for the most part of a brittle nature, are usually broken short off by the beasts; but African men meet with a tree that seems to them too tough to snap at once, up it goes, root and all..."

"The other day, after very many hours' fatiguing tracking, I was closing with a very large troop of elephants, consisting chiefly of females, when to my left I suddenly espied another troop of what I took to be males. I at once left the first troop and proceeded to attack the second. I stalked unperceived to within 25 paces of the herd, when to my annoyance I found that they also were mostly cows and calves. There were, however, a couple of fine bulls among them, — one evidently acting the part of patriarch to the herd; this beast's position was unenviable, and I was waiting for him to present a better mark, when suddenly they all made off. As they were disappearing in the brushwood I fired at one of the hindmost — a male, as I imagined. In an instant the herd wheeled about, and with a terrific rush came crashing through the bushes nearly in a direct line towards me; but after running for about 60 or 70 paces they stopped short, evidently disappointed at not finding the enemy. I felt very much inclined to take to my heels, but a moment's reflection convinced me that safety lay only in keeping close; and it was well I did so, for in a few moments the patriarchs made an oblique rush through the jungle with such force as actually to send a whole tree that he had uprooted in his heading course spinning in the air. A huge branch remained fixed to one of his trunks. His head he carried aloft, his huge ears were spread to the full, while his trunk he sniffed the air impatiently. In this position, and when within less than a dozen paces of me, he remained. I should say, about half a minute. I think it was the most striking and thrilling sporting scene that I ever saw..."

"Besides elephants, I have also shot many giraffes, elands, gnoss, hartebeests, koodons, and indeed, had I wished to kill merely for killing's sake, I might have shown a first-rate 'bag'; but I make a point of not destroying unless absolutely in want of meat to feed either my own party or the hundreds of poor devils constantly following in my track..."







## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and there is no truth in us. 1 John 1:8

## BIRTHS

**ARMSTRONG** - On May 28th, at Truro, to Carolyn and John, a son, George William Henry.

**BAGGALL-DAKLEY** - On June 1st, at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, to Emma (nee Huggins) and Jeremy, twin girls.

**BARLOW** - On June 3rd, to Mary Rose (nee Guy) and Charles, a son.

**BINNEY** - On Monday June 1st, at Maidstone Hospital, Hong Kong, to Val and Robert, a daughter, Alexandra.

**BOON** - On June 1st, at The Royal Berkshire Hospital, to Jean (nee Manning) and Andrew, a daughter, Annabel Jane, a sister for Jonathan, Simon and Miranda.

**BOTTARD** - On May 18th, at The London United Hospital, to Lucinda (nee Clifford) and Guy, a son, Sebastian Guy Miles.

**COX** - On June 1st, at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, to Deborah (nee Forsyth) and William, a son, Charles Thomas.

**GRAVEN** - On May 28th, to Beth and Giles, a son, Charles Alexander.

**DAVIES** - On May 24th 1987, to Diana (nee Thompson) and Stephen, a daughter, Alexandra Louise.

**FAIRBANKS** - On Saturday May 30th 1987, at Dunsenham, to Rowena (nee Murray) and Bill, a son, Oliver James Murray.

**FRANK** - On May 29th to Isabelle (nee Bore) and a daughter, Marie-Claire (Marie).

**GRAY** - On Sunday February 22nd, to Stephanie (nee Jackson) and Robert, a son, Robert Alexander Stewart.

**HALL** - On May 22nd, in Hannover, to Angela (nee Lloyd) and Tim, a son, Oliver James Lloyd.

**HATFIELD** - On May 17th, to Alice and Richard, a daughter, a sister for Polly.

**INGESTON** - On May 23rd 1987, in Bristol, to Caroline (nee Dickson) and Neil, a son, Joshua Neil.

**LEPPARD** - On May 23rd 1987, to Caroline (nee Dickson) and Brian, a son, Paul James Brian.

**McGILLIVRAY** - On May 29th at St George's Hospital, to Sarah (nee Parsons) and a daughter, Lucy.

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## HEALTH

## The body mechanics

Every day 88,000 Britons miss work with back pain. Sally Brompton reports on the chiropractors' unorthodox remedy

When Dr Michael Howitt Wilson resigned his senior partnership in a thriving general practice at the age of 36, his colleagues were initially irritated by the inconvenience. When he announced that he intended to go back to college to qualify as a chiropractor, they felt he was in need of a little medical attention himself.

Despite the fact that, after medicine and dentistry, chiropractic is the third largest healing profession in the world, it has until recently remained something of a mystery to many Britons. Even its name seemed a puzzle — something to do with foot care, perhaps?

In simple terms, chiropractic deals with mechanical disorders of the joints, particularly those of the spine, and their effects on the nervous system. X-ray is widely used in diagnosis (its main point of difference from osteopathy), and treatment is mainly by specific manipulation. Like osteopathy, chiropractic has never been officially recognized by the British medical profession, which is traditionally suspicious of all unorthodox forms of treatment and wary of those practitioners whom it believes to be unqualified.

The British Chiropractic Association (BCA) says in a leaflet: "Misgrain can sometimes be helped by chiropractic treatment, as well as conditions which at first sight may not seem to be related to the spine, like dizziness, pins and needles, numbness and period pains. And, in children and young adults, asthma, catarrh and bed-wetting." With 88,000 people a day off work with back pain in Britain and 34 million working days lost each year as a result of bad backs, it is scarcely surprising that any form of therapy which claims to offer relief is in high demand — 50,000 new patients every year seek chiropractic treatment. Yet, because in Britain chiropractic is not an officially recognized form of medical treatment, anyone with the minimum of training can set up in business as a chiropractor — a fact which greatly concerns the BCA, whose strict code of ethics holds the professional standards of its 220 members.

In America (where there are over 25,000 chiropractors, expected to rise



Helping hands: chiropractor Dr Michael Howitt Wilson gets down to work

to 40,000 within 10 years), Canada, Switzerland and Denmark, chiropractic is covered by national health insurance schemes. In New Zealand, where chiropractors are state-registered, a government commission of inquiry found that "... chiropractic is a soundly based and valuable branch of health care in an area neglected by the medical profession".

In Britain, the BCA is planning a randomized control trial to compare scientifically the effectiveness of chiropractic with conventional hospital treatment. The Medical Research Council has invested £40,000 in the trial, which is being carried out at 10 centres around the country over two years. In the meantime, the BCA has started an information service to introduce chiropractic to a wider public via a series of leaflets explaining what it does and how it can help stress, headaches and sports injuries as well as backache, disc problems,

sciatica and neck, shoulder and arm pain in patients ranging from children to the elderly.

One of the reasons why chiropractic is still in its adolescence in Britain is that until recently there were no training facilities in this country. In 1965 the Anglo-European College of Chiropractic opened in Bournemouth, providing a full-time four-year course for would-be practitioners.

Students pay £3,000 a year in tuition fees for a curriculum "equivalent in terms of hours to medical training", as well as their own off-campus living expenses — "a lot of money for an education which results in you still being on the fringe," the college's Danish principal, 43-year-old Arne Christensen, admits.

He insists, however, that the cost of actual treatment — roughly between £10 and £20 a session — is cheap compared to hospital care: "Since 10

per cent of hospital patients are in there for back-related problems, chiropractic could have a significant effect on the National Health Service."

Mrs Susan Moore, 32, who had suffered back trouble from the age of 13, was told after about five years of conventional treatment that she would have to take painkillers for the rest of her life. "Then I went to a chiropractor who gave me my first relief in all that time," she says. So she gave up the idea of going to medical school and trained instead to become a chiropractor; today she practises in Harrogate in partnership with another woman. "I've never regretted not going into orthodox medicine," she says, "especially now doctors are so overworked."

Dr Howitt Wilson estimates that he sees between 70 and 100 more patients a week than he did in general practice and earns at least three times as much. But being a registered GP he can only accept patients referred to him by their own doctors, while most chiropractors rely primarily on personal recommendations, since members of the BCA are forbidden to advertise.

The orthopaedic profession believes that patients should attend chiropractors and osteopaths only if they are referred to them by their doctors. "The chiropractors who examine their patients properly first and assess exactly what is wrong with them and decide whether they can help them or not, are good," says Mr David Evans, president of the British Orthopaedic Association and a top orthopaedic surgeon himself. "But since about 85 per cent of patients suffering from acute back pain will get better anyway, whatever treatment they are undergoing will get the credit."

Yet, despite the occasional harm caused by unqualified chiropractors, the good ones have a loyal following. Former world water-ski champion Liz Hobbs, aged 25, is one of an increasing number of sports men and women who receive regular chiropractic treatment.

"Even if I'm in good shape, I always see my chiropractor every couple of weeks," she says. Hobbs also gives her chiropractor the credit for helping her to recover from her near-fatal water skiing crash nearly three years ago.

"She's very, very specific and does a lot of fine muscle balancing. Very often the results are instantaneous, whereas I've found that physiotherapy can be much more prolonged."

The British Chiropractic Association, 5 First Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1RX (0245 359447) publishes explanatory leaflets plus a register of members every six months.

## Tube protection

## MEDICAL BRIEFING

Most, but not all, women who have blocked tubes have at some time or another had pelvic inflammatory disease, often due to infection with chlamydia or gonorrhoea. The disease spreads from the cervix through the uterus to the tubes where it causes inflammation, which destroys their delicate lining and later leads to obstruction.

## Student sneeze

This week Dr Gordon Rat from Ulster made what has become an almost annual appeal for schools and universities to alter their timetables, so that the 12 per cent of students who suffer from hay fever do not have to sit their exams at a time when a high pollen count ensures they have streaming eyes and noses and, as likely as not, sinus pain.

This year his appeal is even more important than usual: most general practitioners no longer treat patients with a hyposensitization course of graded injections given between January and April, to provide some resistance by the time the pollen count is at its height. The injections can produce unpleasant and even dangerous reactions, so doctors have been advised not to give the treatment in the surgery unless they have facilities for emergency cardio-respiratory resuscitation, and can keep the patient under close observation for an hour.

In the past hyposensitization has proved most helpful in treating allergies due to grass pollen, house mites, or bee and wasp stings. It has not helped alleviate symptoms in patients who suffer from mixed allergies, and is particularly risky when used with asthmatic patients.

## Heartfelt change

Smokers often congratulate themselves on their strength of will when they give up cigarettes and switch to cigars; but they are deluding themselves if they think that this removes the danger of heart disease.

In a report in the *British Medical Journal* scientists from Boston University School of Medicine in America have analysed the coronary heart attack rate in a group of men aged 40 to 54 and compared the risk of having a heart attack between those men who had never smoked, those who had stopped smoking and those who had changed from cigarettes to cigars.

Cigar smokers who smoked five or more a day were four times more likely to have a coronary than those who had given up altogether. Cigar smokers who have never smoked cigarettes, even if they are heavy smokers, do not

year-old woman in 1900 could expect to live a year longer than a man; by 1980 this had increased to four years.

The figures are striking: today 60 per cent of 65-year-old women should reach 80, but only 40 per cent of men reach this age. In the 20 years up to 1980 there was an 11 per cent drop in the death rate for men, but a 20 per cent drop for women. Between the ages of 55 and 74 the death rate for men is twice that for women; 40 per cent of the excess deaths in men in the 65 to 74 age groups are due to coronary heart disease, with the other main causes being strokes and lung disease.

Some women, it has been suggested, live longer because working within the home is easier on the cardiovascular system than going out to paid employment; but blood analysis suggests that risk factors in women who go out to work are lower than in those who stay at home. It has been thought that female hormones provide some protection from cardiovascular disease and therefore account for the greater longevity; but women's hormone make-up from the menopause onwards is close to that of men.

As Mr Hattersley will have found out, a long life is not the same as a full life. When active life, both physical and mental, is compared men and women after the age of 65 have an equal allowance; women live longer, but their declining years are more handicapped.

## Aids to shyness

Dr Alex Comfort, the geriatrician who won fame and fortune writing about sex, has written to the *British Medical Journal* arguing that the Government's campaign encouraging the use of the condom to prevent the spread of Aids makes little allowance for the young, shy girls who lack the confidence to insist that their partner should use one. He suggests that greater research is needed on a vaginal barrier foam for men, possibly based on monosynol-9.

Dr Comfort is not alone in his views. Doctors writing in the *New England Journal of Medicine* have also criticized some authorities' over-emphasis on the protective value of the condom. They feel this gives users a false sense of security, as detailed research has shown that it is essentially a means of achieving safer, rather than safe, sex.

Dr Thomas Stuttford

## A healthy dose of soap

Can drama on television be good for your health? asks Angela Neustatter



Deadly message: Claire Bloom as Ruth comforts her husband Clive (Daniel Massey), dying of Aids, in *Intimate Contact*

given health education, or do they have the opposite effect?

Douglas Leatha, director of the Advertising Research Unit at Strathclyde University, where he does work evaluating the impact of health issues on television, says: "Soaps can be extremely useful when they deal with matters of health because some of the public identify with the characters and they create strong impressions. But when you create identification, you have to be responsible because things cannot always be controlled."

He was referring here to the reported effect of a character in *EastEnders* seen taking a drug overdose. During the following week a hospital in Hackney, east London, reported a 300 per cent increase in the number of drug overdoses it treated.

Health is a major theme running through all the soaps and scarcely a week passes without it being seen in some form, whether it is a broken arm, an attempt to give up smoking, a heart attack, teenage pregnancy, abortion or drug addiction.

Tom Elliott, a writer for Granada's *Coronation Street*, believes proper research is needed when presenting health issues. He says: "Accuracy is vital if you are portraying real life. It is also important to understand what

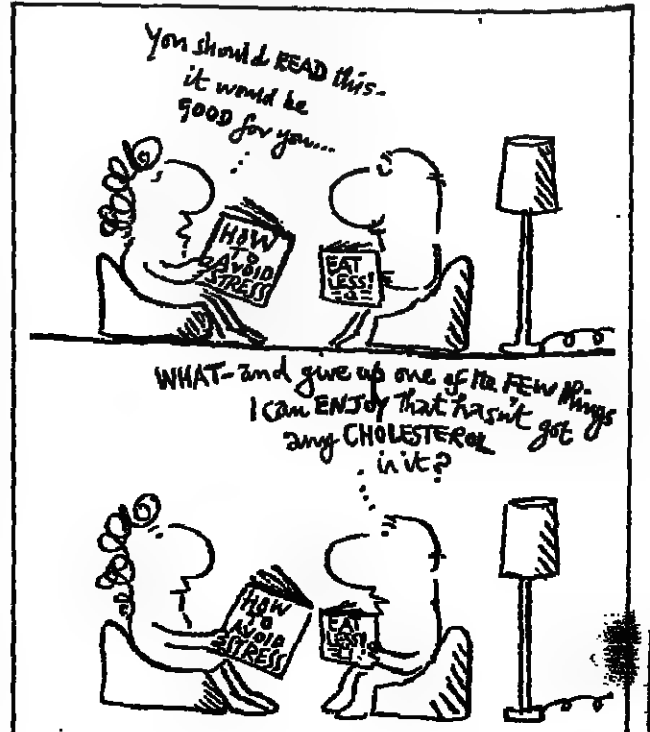
long they would stay in hospital, what sort of advice would be given on diet, rest and so on. We found a way to bring this information into the programme by having the doctors telling Alf how he can get better."

But while Mike Hughes, advertising manager at the Health Education Authority, is on the whole well pleased with the way soaps present specific health events, the picture is less cheering on the subject of smoking and drinking, which are shown as a background to day-to-day life.

Anders Hansen, a research associate at the University of Leicester Centre for Mass Communications Research, says popular television programmes play down the dangers of alcohol abuse. He conducted a study of prime-time television and found the most frequent appearance of alcohol was on soaps and that nearly always it was presented positively.

"Three quarters of the drinking characters belonged to the middle or upper middle classes; a mere quarter are portrayed as working class, which suggests that drinking is associated with the rich and well-off," says Hansen.

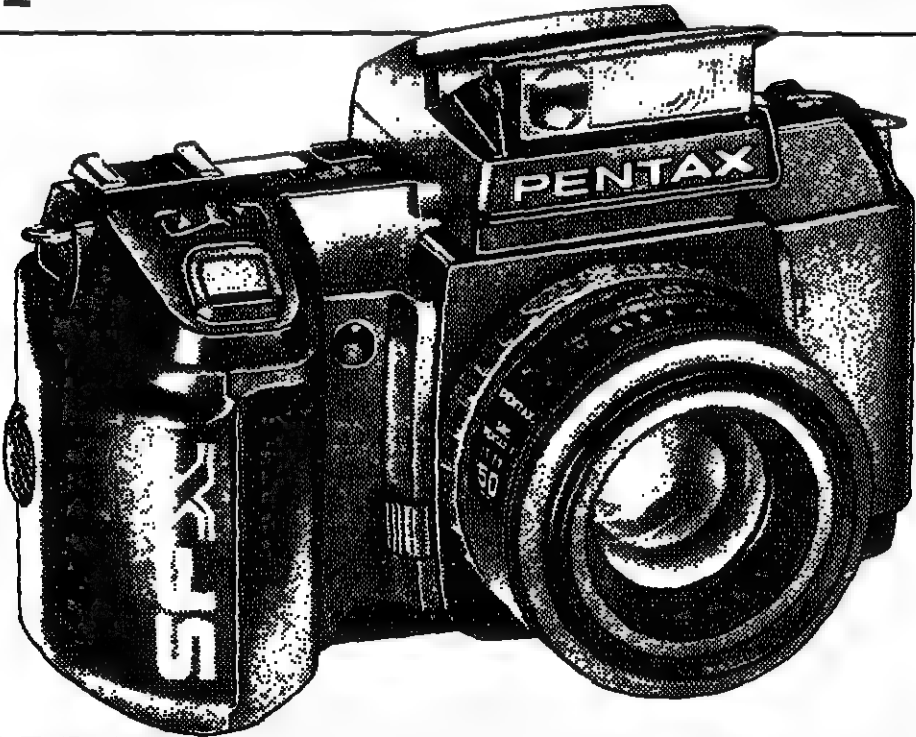
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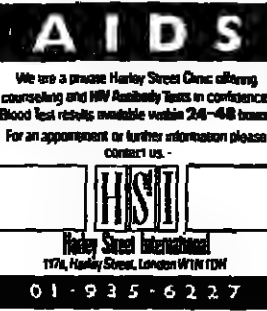


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## THE ARTS

## Tribal riches

Since Granada began its series *Disappearing World* in 1970, less of the world has disappeared than might have been expected. But what has been happening is that the life of primitive peoples has evolved with startling speed: to open a new trilogy of programmes last night a film by Michael Beckham presented the story of *The Kayapo*, a Brazilian tribe whose life has recently been revolutionized.

What has changed the tribe is money — more specifically, gold, which began to be mined

## TELEVISION

on their land in 1982 by the neighbouring Brazilians, and over which the tribe, with a blatantly hostile show of force in 1985, asserted their rights. They now control the mining and take a percentage. They own a light aeroplane and police the area's one airstrip, and are involved in financial dealings to the tune of \$2 million a year. This produced a rich set of conflicting images: natives visiting the local bank, or rifling through the bags of Brazilian miners for smuggled gold; natives recording their own rituals on video for the future, as one of them put it: "to rob our culture back into ourselves".

The question is how far the wealth has changed the traditions of the tribe. The leaders maintained that traditions were intact. But the anthropological observation — always a crucial part of *Disappearing World* films — demonstrated that, for instance, the family structure of the newly-built gold-mining village is very different from that of the tribe's traditional house. Married men are more likely to live with immediate family than with parents-in-law, and the use of tribal buildings is also different.

The criticism of this branch of the tribe from another more traditional branch was conveyed on a cassette machine helpfully provided by the television crew, and was listened to with noisy dissent by the *nouveau riche* natives. They claim that in two years they will shut down the mine and send the Brazilians away. They have established legal rights to their land and are now fighting the possibility of a hydro-electric dam downstream. The *Kayapo* came across as wily and streetwise, coping skilfully with seismic change. Would we do as well?

William Holmes

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## OPERA

Manon  
Covent Garden

conducting, fine ensemble — and in the 18th-century pastiche of the *Cours-la-Reine*. Early on he appeared too worried about letting the orchestral tension slacken: parts of *Manon* are leisurely and need to be accepted as such.

At least Jeffrey Tate demonstrates throughout his affinity with the score. Noctie's love for the opera is as much in doubt as Manon's true affection for Des Grieux. The opening act in the Amiens coaching inn is a drab affair, despite a very distant view of the cathedral. The final act is an equal flop, with the row of trees (quite different from those Massenet requested) making it look more like the road to Rome than the way to Le Havre. When Manon stretches out to the evening star, seeing one of those diamonds she has coveted all her life, there is no

sign of it. Noctie is poor on dramatic detail: key entrances and exits were either muffed or understated.

However, he does draw some sharp characterization from his cast. The *Cours-la-Reine* is busy, as in the current Met production, with fine eaters, jugglers and tightrope walkers. They are all so intent on performing that the singers are at times overshadowed. Nevertheless, J. Patrick Raftery puts a firm line on vocal and dramatic, on the burly and selfish Lescart, Alexander Oliver is all grease and guile as Manon's would-be protector, Guilot, Robert Lloyd, especially good in the St Sulpice scene, is an even sterner operatic father than Germon Perre.

Then there is Des Grieux himself. Neil Shicoff is the evening's clearest success, as his eyes glint behind his glasses (the season's favourite prop) at the first sight of Manon or his pale seminarist's features make the hearts of the pious ladies of Paris beat a little faster. Shicoff's singing of "Ah, j'avez" with its passion and phrasing brought back for a few mo-

ments a golden age of French opera.

The most controversial performance comes from Julia Migenes in the title-role. So far she is but half-way there. The interpretation is too hard and too unvaried: she is a potential tart from the moment she undoes her headscarf at Amiens. The voice, possibly affected by a period away from the opera stage, lacks the tenderness for the "Table Farewell" and more crucial numbers such as "N'est-ce pas ma main" and is a little small for Covent Garden. Miss Migenes is a highly accomplished actress-singer, ready in her Vienna Volksoper days, as Richard Morrison noted earlier this week, to take on any challenge. This *Manon*, at its most effective in the *Cours-la-Reine*, is in the bright Beverly Sills style rather than the grander tradition of Schwarzkopf and De los Angeles.

Or will it change once away from the gala conditions that may well have marred the opening performance?

John Higgins



Neil Shicoff, the clearest success of the evening, with Julia Migenes

## Lofty insights without gimmicks

## ROCK

U2  
Wembley Arena

their group from scratch.

In so doing they revived certain democratic working practices that had lapsed in rock since the Sixties, while in their search for a musical style they stumbled on the formula that has proved to be a goldmine in the Eighties. In stark, mechanical terms the features are easy to identify, as when they played their classics "I Will Follow" and "Pride (In the Name of Love)". In each of these Adam Clayton's firm bass sequences were sketched in by The Edge's brisk clipped chords, feedback and harmonics, and booted along by Larry Mullen Jr's restless combination of

solid rock beat and leaping disco hi-hat sixteenths.

Bono's relentlessly soaring vocals and fire-and-brimstone lyrics did the rest, but there was an elegiac quality to the performance as a whole that rendered it much more than the sum of these parts.

The presentation, apart from the occasional judicious use of spotlight effects, was roughly what you might expect at a pub gig: no backdrops or drapes, no session players to help out The Edge with the piano parts on "October" and "New Year's Day", and certainly no video screens or explosions. The event indicated just how far they have built such a following without resort to stadium-show or mass-marketing gimmicks.

Instead, they whipped through the unadorned, tensile drama of "Where the Streets Have No Name", "The Un-

forgettable Fire" and "Bullet the Blue Sky" (U2's answer to "Whole Lotta Love"), before softening the attack with "Running to Stand Still", a number that featured Bono's ratty harmonica playing and drew yet more "visionary" parallels, this time with that erstwhile "spokesman of a generation" Bob Dylan. It was easiest to see Bono in the role of leader of a new disaffected youth corps when he sang "Sunday Bloody Sunday", incorporating his marketing rap on behalf of Amnesty International.

Where they succeeded was in offering the audience the illusion of a shared experience that transcended the mundanity of merely being in attendance at a rock concert. No wonder they sounded such a resonant chord at Live Aid with "Bad". At Wembley the song followed the same seemingly haphazard course, and

once again prompted Bono to pluck a youth from the front to embrace in emotional solidarity on the stage.

In America it has reached the unhealthy stage of fans queuing to touch the coats of the young Messiahs, while, on the other side of the fence, Bono confessed that the events of recent months have made it harder for him to sing "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For". As they finished their show with a climactic version of "With or Without You" and the inevitable "40" there seemed no imminent danger of U2 losing the crown. But perhaps they might care to reflect on the maxim coined by a group of previous title-holders who noted, with a sagacity that might eventually outlast all of U2's lofty spiritual insights, that "it's only rock 'n' roll".

David Sinclair



Graceful support for a heroine on tiptoes: André Dussollier with Sabine Azéma in *Mélo*

stage, though the tone is placed correctly: warm, dry, nicely sympathetic to human foibles.

Jane Fonda is far from being the fitness queen in *The Morning After*: she smokes, she drinks incessantly, suffers from blackouts and a general incapacity to cope. At the beginning this alcoholic actress with a wrecked career wakes up in another man's bed with a bleeding corpse at her shoulder. "Shall I call the cops?" she asks her estranged husband. She does not, of course, thus lengthening the film by at least an hour. Instead she teams up with Jeff Bridges, a former cop who helps tease out the mystery.

For all the talent on display — the director is Sidney Lumet — this proves a laborious process. Visually there may be much of interest: for his first film produced outside New York, Lumet pounces on the bizarre colours and contrasts of Los Angeles, the salmon-pink hair salons and blazing blue skies. But the plot scarcely generates sufficient suspense: Bridges' naturalistic style, moreover, rubs against Fonda's brittle ways, never generating the sexual chemistry that would

make their relationship believable.

It cannot be easy for an actress to make her directing debut with a fable about a half-human rat. Sandra Locke — Clint Eastwood's long blonde partner and frequent co-star — therefore deserves high marks for ambition. Ratboy also deserves some marks for accomplishment: the story's shifting tones are carefully gauged, and Bruce Surtees's richly-textured photography is a joy in itself. Even the rat has his wistful charms, as portrayed by a petite performer decked out with scallop-shell ears, buck teeth, snuffing proboscis and open-necked clothing recalling Tom Jones. *Ratboy* strives to use this character for trenchant comments on society's warped values — Rob Thompson's script, alas, is not quite up to the job, but the film makes a pleasant change from the juvenile shocks of conventional monster romps.

It takes more than a trial for involuntary manslaughter to stop John Landis: in the week following his acquittal on charges prompted by the *Twilight Zone* helicopter accident, his latest comedy arrives in Britain bearing all the old virtues and vices. Three Ami-

## Excellently esoteric

## CINEMA

Mélo (PG)  
Renoir

Brighton Beach  
Memoirs (15)  
Cannon Shaftesbury  
Avenue

The Morning  
After (15)  
Odeon Leicester  
Square

Ratboy (15)  
Warner West End

Three Amigos  
(PG)  
Leicester Square  
Theatre

The Whistle  
Blower (PG)  
Odeon Haymarket

Did the world need another version of *Mélo*, a boulevard tragic-comedy by Henry Bernstein, filmed three times in the 1930s, in which two violinists clash over love of the same elfin lady? The world has one anyway, impeccably acted, superbly designed, and directed by Alain Resnais with the pure simplicity that only comes from hard thought and practice. This is the severest kind of theatrical film: no word of the stage text is altered; the settings rejoice in Art Deco artifice, with original furniture from the 1930s and windows like Mondrian paintings. Just in case spectators forget the film's origins, the camera dissolves to a plush theatre curtain after each act.

All Resnais's films since *Mon Oncle d'Amérique* have risked charges of preciosity, and none more so than *Mélo*. At first it seems the director has gone over the edge: the elfin wife, dotting husband and charismatic friend sit in a suburban patio talking so endlessly that our minds drift to inessential, like the period cut of André Dussollier's suit. But once wife and friend pass from flirtation to blazing affair, Resnais's method pays off, the sinuous camerawork and refined playing creating extraordinary dramatic subtleties. Not for Sabine Azéma the gamine excesses of Elisabeth Bergner, who previously played the highly-strung heroine; Azéma tiptoes beautifully through the part, gracefully supported by Dussollier and Pierre Arditi. Whether as theatre or cinema, this is esoteric entertainment par excellence.

Neil Simon's modestly pleasing *Brighton Beach Memoirs* presents the familiar face of the theatrical film, where realistic settings rub shoulders with the snap, crackle and pop of smart stage dialogue. For

once, the writer of America's most machine-tooled plays keeps his foot off the wise-crack button, producing instead a semi-autobiographical portrait of jostling families in Brooklyn house in 1937. The Broadway edition pushed Matthew Broderick to stardom as the self-dramatizing teenage hero; the film makes do with Jonathan Silverman, from the touring production, and a fine ensemble cast. The director Gene Saks seems less ways, never generating the sexual chemistry that would

## CONCERT

CLS/Hickox  
Christ Church,  
Spitalfields

Richard Hickox may rarely do anything dangerous, but this reliable conductor has become a formidable craftsman within the English choral tradition. And it sometimes seems that this tradition, particularly its emphasis on thrust, almost dares Hickox to try bolder effects than his nature would otherwise dictate.

Certainly in this all-Mozart opening to the Spitalfields Festival there was a considerable emotional gulf between Hickox's richly expressive interpretation of the Requiem, or even the generously nuanced performance of *Ave verum corpus* which (somewhat unhelpfully) launched proceedings, and a pleasant but rather toothless account of the Sinfonia Concertante, K297b. Perhaps acoustics played a part: the gaunt stone-work enhanced the neo-baroque grandeur of the Requiem's fugues, but tended to blunt the wit of the wind soloists' repartee in the Sinfonia.

However, one also sensed that in the Requiem Hickox was responding as much to the potential of the superbly trained London Symphony Chorus as to the music's inherent power. He found, for instance, a splendid width of dynamic variation: he exploited sudden changes of choral emphasis he struck an admirable balance between classical poise and romantic intensity among the grief-stricken chromaticisms of the Lachrimosa.

The soloists (Sheila Armstrong, Sarah Walker, Maldwyn Davies, John Tomlinson) sang more tellingly as individuals than in ensemble.

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6.35 The Pink Panther Show. Three cartoons. (r) 6.55 Weather.

7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Sally Magnusson. Election news from James Cox. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.25; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25. 8.55 Regional news and weather.

9.00 News and weather 9.05 Election Call. Jo Robins and Jean Lambert of the Greens answer voters' questions. Presented by Sir Robin Day.

10.00 News and weather 10.05 Neighbours. (r) 10.25 Children's BBC. Philip Schofield with programme details, and birthday greetings. 10.30 Play School presented by Chloe Ashcroft and Robert Kinnear.

10.50 Cricket: First Test. The first day's play in the match between England and Pakistan at Old Trafford. Introduced by Tony Lewis. The commentators are Manchester's Richie Benaud and Ray Illingworth, with commentary from Tom Graveney and Bob Willis. Includes news and weather at 10.55 and 12.00. 12.55 Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Maryn Lewis. Weather 1.35 Neighbours. Danny's future hangs in the balance; and high stakes are being played for in the coffee shop. 2.00 Paddy's House. Introduced by Mollie Thompson. (r) 2.05 Eric - Eric with Brian Cant. (r)

2.15 Cricket: First Test. Further coverage of the first day's play in the game at Old Trafford between England and Pakistan.

3.50 Lay on Five with Fionna Benjamin and Howard Lee. (r)

4.10 The Adventures of Spot. Spot Goes to the Circus, told by Paul Nicholas. 4.15 Jonny Briggs. Episode 18. (r) 4.25 Yogi Bear. (r) 4.35 Thundercats. 4.55 John Cooper's Newsround. 5.05 Blue Peter. (Ceefax)

5.35 London Plus. 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.

6.40 On the Spot presented by Sue Lawley. The guest is Neil Kinnock. 7.30 EastEnders. Den unveils his new plan to pull the punters into the pub; Dr Legg is surprised by Ethel's attitude to voting; and Sharon plots to help her mother's drinking problem. (Ceefax)

8.00 Tomorrow's World includes a report on the explosive death of a Super Nova; an item on treating heart patients by phone; and learning to windsurf.

8.30 Don't Wait Up. Comedy series starring Tony Britton and Nigel Havers as father and son. A misanthropic man, both with marital problems. With Dinah Sheridan and Jane How. (r)

9.00 A Party Election Broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party. 9.05 News and Election 97 with David Dimbleby and Julia Somerville. Regional news and weather.

10.00 Victoria Wood - As Seen on TV. The last programme of the comedy series. With Julie Walters and Celia Imrie, Duncan Preston, and Susie Blake. (r)

10.35 Campaign Question Time from the De Montfort Hall, Leicester. Sir Robin Day's guests are Roy Hattersley, Roy Jenkins, and Nigel Lawson.

11.35 The Wild Side of Town. Part three of Chris Baines' exploration of urban green land focuses on the Vauxhall and Vauxhall, fast disappearing due to land reclamation. (Ceefax)

12.00 Weather.

**BBC2**

9.55 Open University: The Real World. Ends at 7.50.

9.00 Ceefax.

9.25 Daytime on Two: an Austrian soap-box derby 9.52 Mindstretchers - solutions. 10.18 Ceefax. 10.35 History: the Arabs and Israel since 1947. 11.00 Why we need water. 11.18 A-level statistics: regression. 11.40 Paul Gambaccini's stance on the human rights issue. 12.12 A young man who can only walk with the use of crutches, leaves school. 12.45 A-level Biology: genetics. 1.08 Ceefax.

1.35 Cricket: First Test from Old Trafford. Includes news and weather at 2.00.

2.15 Watch. The sense of taste. 2.30 Music Time. A traditional African wedding song. 2.50 Diversions. Land for All Seasons. (r)

3.00 News and weather followed by The Truth About... A World About US documentary exploring the myth of the American Wild West. In particular the area of the Powder River basin of Wyoming. (r)

3.50 Cricket: First Test. Further coverage of the game at Old Trafford. Includes news, regional news, and weather, at 4.00.

6.15 Film: Possessed (1947) starring Joan Crawford, Van Heflin, and Raymond Massey. Gloomy melodrama about a nurse who marries her employer but still carries a flame for an old love whom she decides to kill after he ignores her advances. Directed by Curtis Bernhardt.

8.00 Cartoon Two. 8.05 The Celta. In this fourth part of his series Frank Delaney reflects on Celtic creativity. (Ceefax)

9.00 The Search for the Marcos Millions. (see Choice)

10.00 Cricket: First Test. Highlights of the first day's play, introduced by Richie Benaud.

10.30 A Party Election Broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party. 10.35 Newsnight 11.20 Weather. 11.25 On the Hustings. 11.55 Open University: Weekend Outlook. 12.00 Mechanics: Dynamic Analysis. Ends at 12.30.

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## £15m smiles of the classic partnership

**Segovia: Elevated classical guitar to an art form.**

**£15 million, runs next in the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park on July 4. Canthen, too, had reason to smile as this was the American rider's second Derby success in three years. (Photograph: John Rogers)**

## Envoy 'healthy' GP's report says

● **No complaint about his** treatment has been received by Greater Manchester Police who declined to comment.

● **Not in court:** An Iranian student accused of shoplifting is believed to have fled the country before he was due to appear in court yesterday. Mustafa Mulhany, aged 27, of Lampton Road, Hounslow Middlesex, is charged with stealing chicken and salmon and magistrates at Brentford issued a warrant for his arrest.

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MAKES	OUT	MAIDEN					

<b>CROSS</b>		29 Value in coppers and shillings (6).
1	Puss has family in the pussy-willow (6).	<b>DOWN</b>
4	It's really bad if one is in trouble (4,4).	1 Leap out finally abandoning droophead coupe (8).
10	Sow in spacious shed (9).	2 Horse's foot (7).
11	Leading characters in drama will avoid reckless film stunt (5).	3 To lodge in a hotel, worker must be cross (9).
12	A whole plant outside, say (7).	5 But hero had not then moved (2,3,5,4).
13	Making a mistake about a sleeper? (7).	6 A divine ruler, an unpleasant crawler (5).
14	Insect right in the middle of rock (5).	7 One group of soldiers fix up what it represents (7).
15	Stick around quarters and observe what follows (4,4).	8 Guy's efficiency reduced by 60% (Guy's disheartened) (6).
18	Snake and dog in famous row (4,4).	9 Overcrowded slum finally has resort to a Company man (6,8).
20	Grannie ceremonially embraces her kinswoman (5).	16 Confused new boy's name? Not at all! (2,2,5).
23	Present scoundrel with periodic payment (7).	17 Metal bands on sticks and canes, by the sound of it (8).
25	The ram's been trained as a pet (7).	19 Love a Warrant Officer, an entrant in 18 (7).
26	Dance with branch office's head (5).	21 River holds me right up to the end (7).
27	Type of sweet that has no equal (5).	22 Mounted like a fish (6).
28	Gorgeous fellow embraced by gorgeous girl (8).	24 Wood chopped by one (5).

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Executive Editor  
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share  
1739.6 (+15.3)  
FT-SE 100  
2235.4 (+15.8)  
Bargains  
41645 (47464)  
USM (Datastream)  
181.94 (-0.26)

THE POUND

US dollar  
1.6435 (-0.0020)  
W German mark  
2.9682 (+0.0014)  
Trade-weighted  
72.8 (same)

DTI seeks winding up of dealer

The Department of Trade and Industry is to ask the High Court to wind up Walter L Jacob and Co, the securities dealer, "in the public interest."

On the application yesterday, Mr Chief Registrar Bradburn gave the company, based in City Road, Finsbury, London, 14 days to file evidence in defence of the petition.

Mr Walter Jacob, a director and creditor of the company, is opposing the application.

Dunhill issue

Dunhill Holdings, the luxury goods group, is making a three-for-one capitalization issue after March year-end results showing pretax profits of £24.75 million against £20.1 million. The final dividend of 4.5p (3.5p) makes 7p (5.5p) for the year.

Body building

The Body Shop International reported pretax profits for the half year to the end of March, up from £1.1 million to £3.2 million. Turnover increased 57 per cent to £13.8 million. An interim dividend of 1.2p was declared.

Sugar claim

British Sugar, the beet refiner, is seeking an increase of about 150,000 tonnes in Britain's EEC sugar quota at the expense of beet growers in other Community states.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	2311.13 (+32.91)
Dow Jones	2311.13 (+32.91)
Nikkei Dow	25049.40 (+148.77)
Hong Kong	2998.10 (+27.00)
Hang Seng	2998.10 (+27.00)
Amsterdam Gen	285.0 (-0.4)
Sydney AO	1778.0 (+17.1)
Frankfurt	1757.2 (-3.0)
Commerzbank	1757.2 (-3.0)
General	4553.4 (same)
Paris CAC	431.8 (same)
Zurich S&K Gen	n/a
London: FT	n/a
FT 100	2235.4 (+15.8)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES	
Assoc. Book Pub.	885p (+112p)
Wm Collins 'A'	525p (+20p)
Chapman Inds.	800p (+17p)
Brenner	900p (+14p)
Lamont Holdings	325p (+12p)
Ellis & Everard	332p (+25p)
Resteck Holdings	280p (+25p)
Yule Camo	503p (+27p)
Telephone Rentals	248p (+13p)
Energy Capital	175p (+81p)
Great West. Pls.	188p (+17p)
London United	768p (+22p)
Gibson Lyons	141p (+25p)
Pacific Sales	357p (+14p)
Federated Housing	226p (+14p)

FALLS	
S&W Benford	341p (-11p)
De La Rue	438p (-3p)
British Aerospace	587p (-7p)
Amstrad	203p (-7p)
DSC Holdings	328p (-33p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%  
3-month interbank 8 1/2-9 1/2%  
3-month eligible bills 8 1/2-9 1/2%  
buying rate  
US: Prime Rate 8 1/2%  
Federal Funds 6 1/2%  
3-month Treasury Bills 5.67-5.65%  
30-year bonds 9 1/2-9 3/4%

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: \$1.6435	£: \$1.6435
DM: 2.9682	DM: 2.9682
SwFr: 2.2037	SwFr: 2.2037
FFr: 6.5596	FFr: 6.5596
Yen: 163.36	Yen: 163.36
Index: 72.8	Index: 72.8
ECU: 1.36603	ECU: 1.36603

GOLD

London Fixing:  
Au \$453.35 pm-\$453.00  
close \$451.00-451.50 (\$274.75-275.25)  
New York:  
Comex \$451.40-451.90

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (July)	pm \$18.65bbl (\$18.57)
Denotes latest trading price	

# Dollar faces new pressure

## No currency pact likely at summit

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

No new action will be taken to bolster the dollar at next week's Venice economic summit, the participants made clear yesterday. In the absence of such moves, pressure on the dollar could return.

In a satellite interview with foreign journalists, Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, said no new macro-economic initiatives would be taken at the summit.

Mr Baker said he was not surprised by the reaction of the foreign exchange markets to the decision by Mr Paul Volcker, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, to stand down, but added that he believed such effects would be short-lived and that the dollar had stabilized.

The dollar steadied yesterday after its sharp falls on Tuesday. But dealers said conditions remained nervous.

It closed little changed at DM1.8060, and slightly up at ¥142.70. The pound fell 20 points to \$1.6435.

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# Reed gains 37% to hit £188m

By Carol Ferguson

A strong performance at Reed International, the publishing, paper and packaging group, pushed pretax profits up 37 per cent to £188 million on virtually static turnover of £1.9 billion.

The shares were marked up 10p to 458p although this was in line with market expectations.

The dividend for the year is raised by 42 per cent to 8p net.

Mr Peter Davis, chief executive, said profits had trebled over the last five years through restructuring and concentration on core businesses.

He said there was a "good level of interest" in the paint and DIY business which has been put up for sale. Market estimates suggest the sale could realize £180 million to £200 million for a group which includes Crown Paints and Polycell.

The group spent £211 million on acquisitions last year, including £290 million (£175 million) on two US publishing companies which contributed £7 million in profit.

On the publishing side, consumer publishing profits trebled due to recent rationalization. The women's weeklies and the leading monthlies showed rising copy sales, a trend which has continued into the first half of this year.

Paper and packaging margins in corrugated cases in Britain came under margin pressure in the second half.

Sales volume from the Quebec mill in Canada was up 32 per cent and profits were almost doubled.

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Making the connection: a muted welcome from retailers for Barclays' new card

# Connect? That'll do nicely

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Barclays Bank launched its Connect debit card yesterday, the first nationwide system of electronic cashless shopping to be tried in this country. But the bank admitted that the new charges it has been forced to negotiate with retailers over the last few days will severely affect the profitability of the card for several years.

The Connect card can be used in several thousand retail outlets, including many major chains such as Boots, Burtons, and Tesco.

After a dispute with retailers over how much they should pay for using the system, Barclays officials believe they have now secured the agreement of nearly half the

260,000 Visa card merchants in Britain to accept the card.

Connect, which enables users to pay for goods and services instead of using cheques, will be available only to Barclays' 6.5 million account holders. It has already been issued to around 100,000 customers - mostly Barclays employees - and the bank expects to issue 1.5 million cards in the next year.

Mr Seymour Fortescue, the general manager in charge of Connect, said the new charges Barclays had negotiated with retailers were still substantially above those on cheques, though less than on credit cards. However, as a result of having to negotiate lower

charges than was first intended, Connect would not show a profit for at least five years.

Barclays had accepted the need for a flat fee per transaction above those on cheques, but could set a precedent for all future cashless shopping initiatives, Mr Fortescue said.

The card will also serve as a cheque guarantee and cash card.

The bank says the main advantage for consumers is convenience - Connect is quicker to use at shop counters than cheques and can even be used to pay for goods and services over the telephone. There is no £50 limit.

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# Mixed reaction to Greenspan

From Bailey Morris Washington

Mr Alan Greenspan, President Reagan's choice to succeed Mr Paul Volcker as chairman of the US Federal Reserve, is likely to be confirmed by the Senate even though some officials expressed concern that his policies would lead to higher interest rates.

Political reaction to the appointment of Mr Greenspan was mixed. Although most officials praised the nomination as one that would ensure a smooth transition, others criticized Mr Greenspan for strongly supporting the tight credit policies which led to the deep recession in 1974 and 1975.

Mr James Wright, Speaker of the House of Representatives, who said that Mr Greenspan "would not have been his choice," appeared to agree with critics who described the economist as "the leader of the austerity gang."

Financial markets, which dropped sharply lower in their initial reaction, bounced back

after the announcement.

He said that now, the expectation of profit should be enough to secure the remaining finance that is needed.

"If we can repeat the recent performance in constructing most British on and off-shore projects to time and to budget and if we get our share of existing road traffic to the Continent away from the ferries, and the railways get their share of the passengers away from the airlines and of freight away from the road hauliers, the tunnel will be very profitable and in time full to capacity, at which time Eurotunnel has the right to build the next tunnel - maybe a road tunnel, if technology of ventilation and other problems have been resolved."

Mr Morton, whose tough managerial qualities have given the project a credibility it lacked a year ago, admitted yesterday that Eurotunnel's efforts to raise its first wedge of cash last October suffered from poor managerial organization and a confused presentation that failed to convince bankers of the project's future.

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# GEC in £125m deal for Creda

By John Bell, City Editor

The General Electric Company is buying the Creda domestic appliance business from TI Group in a £125 million deal that will make the electricals giant easily Britain's largest manufacturer of white goods.

The sale completes TI's withdrawal from domestic appliances, after disposals of New World, Glow-Worm, Russell Hobbs and Creda for a total of £220 million. Mr Christopher Lovison, chief executive of TI, said the combination of Creda and GEC would create a British manufacturing group of a scale necessary to be an important force in an increasingly global market.

One hurdle is approval by the Office of Fair Trading. GEC's Hotpoint division plus Creda would have 50 per cent of the British market for tumble driers and 33 per cent of washing machine sales. Creda is the market leader in electric cookers, and second in the manufacture of night storage heaters. GEC has held preliminary discussions with the OFT and is confident of approval.

Hotpoint has been among the most successful British manufacturers in combating overseas competition, showing compound growth over the past five years in excess of 25 per cent. Creda, which employs more than 3,500 people, made sales last year of £142 million and profits of £14 million. Hotpoint has turnover of around £250 million and is expected by analysts to make about £30 million profit in the current year. The deal is subject to approval by TI shareholders on June 18.

City reaction was favourable to GEC's move, which will extend the group's range into electric cookers. There is no overlap in roughly 80 per cent of Creda sales. Analysis said the purchase would enhance earnings per share.

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# Brazil to resume interest payments

By Our Banking Correspondent

Brazil surprised financial markets yesterday by announcing it planned to resume interest repayments on half of its \$68 billion (£41.4 million) foreign bank debt in an important conciliatory move towards its overseas creditors.

British clearing bank shares soared as analysts said the repayments would relieve much of the pressure on banks to make huge bad debt provisions this year.

Senhor Bresser Pereira, the finance minister, said he would introduce an economic plan for Brazil within a month, after which negotiations with creditors could start.

Brazilian officials gave no precise timetable for the resumption of interest repayments but suggested it would happen once debt negotiations were resumed.

Bankers, frustrated by Brazil's hostility since it suspended repayments on overseas bank debt last February, were enthusiastic about the move. There was, however, doubt as to how Brazil could afford the payments.

Clearing bank shares leapt by nearly 30p in some cases.

Mr Tim Clarke of Serengeti, the broker, said: "It is now far less likely the banks will choose to do a huge one-off provisioning like Citicorp."

Citicorp, the US banking group, last month announced \$3 billion of provisions against Third-World debt.

# Morton sees light at end of £4.7 billion tunnel project

## 100 days at Eurotunnel's helm

By Joe Joseph

Providing it receives the blessing of the British Parliament next month, the £4.7 billion Channel tunnel project, nearly two centuries on the drawing board, should be more or less home and dry, according to Mr Alastair Morton.

Mr Morton, who has just completed his first 100 days as British co-chairman of Eurotunnel, the Anglo-French consortium that is building the fixed rail link, is confident that the troubles that once dogged the scheme are largely over.

The project has lurched from crisis to crisis recently. Thrashing out an agreement with the British and French railways on how much they would pay to use the tunnel took longer than Eurotunnel hoped. It also has had to recast its timetable for raising new cash.

But Mr Morton, brought in to head Eurotunnel in February after a string of high-level board resignations had left the company on its knees, told a meeting at The Royal Institute of International Affairs yesterday that the tasks now facing the project were challenging but not insurmountable.

Apart from gaining Parliamentary ratification, Eurotunnel still has a lot on its plate. It needs to raise £5 billion from 30 or so banks around the world and a further £750 million in equity finance from a public share offering this autumn, which will give Eurotunnel a berth on the London and Paris stock exchanges.



Eurotunnel's Morton: home and dry

Mr Morton thinks that the public's appetite for such offerings has been whetted on both sides of the Channel by the privatization programmes being run by the British and French governments.

"We have to raise £750 million from equity investors...this is a small sum compared with privatizations like British Gas," he said, adding that the offering should appeal particularly to investors looking for capital growth but low income in the early years followed by high income later on.



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# West Germany cast as the villain of Venice set piece

## ECONOMIC VIEW

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The players have already begun to arrive in Venice for another game of trade balance tag. At the last international meeting in Washington in April it was everyone against Japan. At next week's summit it looks as though West Germany will take over as the fall guy in the centre of the ring.

Whether anyone will win any prizes seems doubtful. The aim of the game is to hasten the reduction in the massive trade imbalance between the US and the two surplus countries. West Germany and Japan, which has caused the value of the dollar to almost halve against strong currencies and a sharp slowdown in the growth of the world economy.

But so far the pressures of self-interest, which should in principle yield some agreement on co-ordinated action, have made small progress against the political and institutional differences of the main participants.

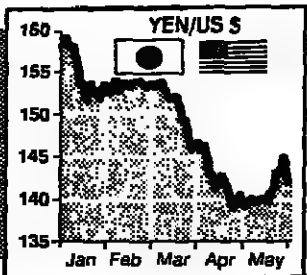
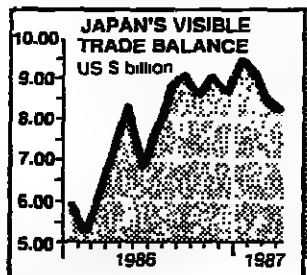
The summit, it is true, takes place against a much more favourable background in foreign exchange markets than did the IMF meeting. In contrast to the intense pressure on the dollar-yen rate at the beginning of April, the US currency has been relatively stable.

The quieter tone of the exchanges will enable the summit leaders to re-affirm the Louvre accord on exchange rate stability reached in February with rather more credibility than was possible in Washington, when the dollar was reaching new lows against the yen daily. Stability is desirable to give the fall in the dollar time to exercise its natural healing powers on the US trade deficit.

Already there has been a significant, although hardly enormous, improvement in America's trade position in volume terms. But the iron law of the so-called J-curve decrees that in value terms the first effect of a fall in the exchange rate is to increase the deficit as the existing volume of net imports costs more. Only later does the improvement in trade volumes begin to show through in values.

The Louvre accord, however, was never designed to do more than reinforce currency movements that could be justified on fundamentals. It has been the object of US policy to supplement the effects of a more competitive dollar by persuading the surplus countries to expand domestic demand in their economies faster so that imports were stimulated, export production diverted to the home market and the world economy boosted.

The Japanese will arrive in Venice basking in the knowledge that they at least have announced a significant injection of demand into their



economy. It is time, as they will make perfectly clear, for someone else to step into the pillory. Yet although the boost to demand is sizeable at the equivalent of 1.8 per cent of GDP, the immediate effect on the trade imbalance is likely to be limited. The Japanese have promised \$1 billion of government procurement overseas, but the large part of the package — \$35 billion — is spending on public works, which has a notoriously low import content. In addition, there will be about \$7 billion of tax cuts, which in an import-hungry economy like Britain's would have a proportionately larger effect than the equivalent public spending, but which in Japan, where consumers are heavily oriented towards domestic goods, is likely to have only a modest impact on the trade balance.

Even the Japanese government does not expect the effect on imports to be worth more than \$5-\$6 billion, which, set against last year's trade surplus of \$92 billion, is not large. Although the effect

of the tax cuts, back-dated to the beginning of the present fiscal year, will run on in subsequent years, the public works programme relates almost entirely to this year.

The West Germans, who joined in enthusiastically in the Japan-baiting in Washington, have done nothing since the Kohl government was re-elected in January to contribute any further expansion of their own. US attachment to the initiative launched at last year's summit in Tokyo for a system of "objective indicators" can be explained largely as a weapon against the German inactivity. The idea is that policies should be co-ordinated against the background of indicators whose movements would imply certain policy responses — the implication of Germany's faltering growth and very low inflation being that some stimulus would carry few risks and many benefits.

The Germans, for the same reasons, are determined to oppose giving this idea any real meaning. Policies that can

be remotely described as inflationary remain unpopular in Germany, doubly so if they appear to be foisted on it from abroad: in any case, Germany sees the US trade deficit as something brought about by US folly in allowing such a large budget deficit. The British Government will support the Germans on this issue because ministers are convinced policies have to be determined in the light of wider factors than can be contained in any selection of indicators on their own.

The US, for its part, is influenced by the presidential election on the horizon. Everyone knows the US budget deficit should be reduced faster but President Reagan reiterated last week that he would not sanction the only measure likely to do so — tax cuts. Stalemate between the President and Congress over the budget has again been confirmed.

Economic co-ordination must be in everyone's interests, if only everyone could agree on the rules. All the participating governments have been studiously lowering expectations ahead of the summit, which suggests there may be some modest developments in Venice. But obstacles remain, including political constraints such as the US election and the protectionist traditions of Japan. It is unlikely that the foreign exchange markets will be able to draw much consolation from next week's manoeuvres on the Rialto.

## COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

# GEC makes a meal of the Creda deal

Lord Weinstock's purchase of a couple of electric cooker and storage heater factories from TI has been one of the best-traded deals of recent times. (Co-ordinated public relations seem to have risen, from nowhere, high on the Stanhope Gate agenda). Yet it is hard to fathom why the purchase has attracted so much interest, aside from the involvement of Creda's well-known brand name. A likely answer is GEC's anxiety to be seen engaging in bids and deals.

The City sees the lack of what it dignifies as "corporate activity" as a prime cause of the electrical group's relatively dull profit and share-price performance since, unlike most other leading manufacturers, in and outside the electronics industry, GEC managed to avoid collapsing profits.

In this deal, buyer and seller share the same logic: to avoid being at the wrong end of unpleasantly keen competition. Under the new-broom leadership of Christopher Lewinton, TI has been breaking up its old consumer-durable interests, either to stem losses, as in the monopoly bicycle business, or to avoid becoming a weak competitor in markets under siege from dynamic, dedicated companies, usually foreign. TI's strategy was explicit. And Creda was the biggest and also the last of the main domestic-appliance businesses to go, following Russell Hobbs and Tower, Glow-Worm/Parkay boilers and the New World gas cooker business.

Mr Lewinton has demonstrated in the process that Lord Hanson and Sir Gordon White are not the only ones who have learnt how to sell companies well to those who really want them. The appliance division (not including the messy deal to dispose of Raleigh) has realized some £220 million in total, which looks comfortably more than it was worth to the TI share price (without a takeover premium). A vital motive for selling was to reduce debt. It remains to be seen whether TI's planned expansionary move into the anonymity of specialist engineering proves as astute.

For Lord Weinstock, buying Creda helps to avoid the possibility that GEC's Hotpoint-led white goods business could later face the same threat as TI. Creda strengthens GEC's range in areas where it did not have a strong presence and boosts its already impressive share of the British market across the range. The immediate effects can be exaggerated. The price of £130 million, let alone Creda's modest profits, make little impact on GEC as a whole, though it is welcome evidence that GEC has a long-run commitment to this sector of the electrical industry.

But consolidating a British market position is no substitute for using a home base to sell electronically-advanced white goods throughout Europe. That is something British manufacturers have not yet tackled seriously. In particular, they have not cared to invest in advanced design, production and continuous new products on the scale that would be necessary to make much of an impact. That is why they have been on the defensive for so long, not only against initially low-priced Italian products but latterly against high-priced West German goods, too.

Given the nature of the pressure in the City against Lord Weinstock, buying

Creda will certainly not of itself afford much relief. Some City analysts are expecting GEC's forthcoming results to show a further fall in profits from £700 million to as low as £650 million, against the previously favoured £675 million.

After so many years moving confidently in the middle of the ring, GEC has not yet really adjusted to its position on the ropes. Lord Hanson may be an admirer rather than a predator, but Lord Weinstock, who tells me that he intends to be ruling the roost not only at 65 but at 75 and even beyond, needs a new following. He has yet to work out how to attract it, though I have no doubt he will — eventually.

### Watering down Venice

The dollar recovered its composure yesterday, markets having decided that the Volcker-inspired selloff on Tuesday was a little overdone. But there are enough difficult tests coming up to suggest that the greenback is not out of the wood yet.

The first is next week's Venice summit. Protest as they might that there are no new currency rabbits to be pulled out of the hat, the summit participants suffer from a credibility problem. Apart from the obvious point that anyone attempting to create some market news will not tell the markets about it in advance, there is a feeling that when the big seven get together, it has to be good for the dollar.

But this may be the occasion when, apart from the ritual repetition of existing, anodyne international commitments, the cupboard may genuinely be bare.

A rise in the US discount rate is more likely after the appointment of Alan Greenspan as Federal Reserve Board chairman. But the timing is difficult. Mr Greenspan does not take over at the Fed until early August and it will be difficult to dress up any interest rate change during that holiday period as part of an internationally co-ordinated policy.

Japanese reluctance to trim the discount rate has been repeatedly stated. The Germans are at their most reluctant to move on monetary policy when other countries are pushing them to do so. The Bundesbank probably will cut the discount rate within the next few weeks, but it may well choose to distance such a move from the summit.

The dollar has been held up by a combination of hefty intervention by the major (and some minor) central banks and by the fact that, since the Paris meeting in February, there has been only a short run to the next international gathering.

From Paris, it was a short step to the IMF meetings in Washington in April and from Washington, so on to Venice. But after Venice, in the absence of action, it is a long haul to the next scheduled Groups of Five and Seven meetings in Washington in the autumn.

Although the dollar appears to have fallen enough on most fundamental grounds, the prospect remains of a long, hot summer in the currency markets. Alan Greenspan's most recent private forecast was for a yen-dollar rate of 100. He must now fervently hope that the markets do not present him with this sort of rate early in his term as Federal Reserve chairman.

## Hiram expects record

Hiram Walker, the drinks group, will make "better-than-ever" profits this year. Mr Clifford Hatch, the chief executive and president, said yesterday.

The past six months' trading had been the company's "best since 1978".

Mr Hatch, speaking on the full trading year, said: "We expect to surpass with ease the

highest previously-recorded profit of the company."

He is joining the Allied-Lyons board as finance director shortly. Some top City analysts view him as a potential successor to Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, the chairman of Allied-Lyons.

Hiram Walker made profits before tax of approximately £238 million (£107 million) in its last financial year.

## Yule bid for Reabrook

In its second big attempt at expansion through a takeover in six months, the Yule Cato chemical group yesterday made an agreed bid for Reabrook Holdings, an aerosol, car-care equipment and chemical manufacturer.

Yule yesterday launched an aggressive buying bout, to take its holding in Reabrook up

from 21 per cent before the bid to about 30 per cent — which should lock out any counter-bidder.

The terms of the offer — which values Reabrook at £20 million — are nine Yule shares and £43.32 in cash for every 34 Reabrook shares. This valued each Reabrook share at 261p last night.

## Cotts rejection of bid 'unanimous'

By Michael Tate

Mitchell Cotts yesterday insisted its board was "unanimous" in its rejection of the £74.1 million Suter bid, but confirmed that Mr Tony Alcock, the finance director, is to leave the company.

Mr Roderick Paul, the Mitchell chief executive, denied however that Mr Alcock's departure was linked with the unwelcome £74.1 million takeover bid from Suter.

Mr Alcock, who joined the company less than a year ago, has been "on holiday" since May 15, said Mr Paul. "He is currently in discussion with the board over the terms of his mutually-agreed resignation."

Mr Paul would not enlarge

on the reasons for Mr Alcock's departure, except to say "it has nothing whatsoever to do with the Suter bid." He added that it would be "invidious to comment" on reports that the pace of Mitchell Cotts' recovery programme was proving too slow for Mr Alcock.

Mr Alcock's duties have been assumed by Mr Tony Barnes, a former Samuel Montagu director, who is appointed group financial consultant. Mr Barnes, a member of the council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, retired from Montagu last December.

The Mitchell defence document is expected to be despatched next week.

## Photo firm snapped up by Sangers

By Michael Tate

Sangers Photographics, which is quoted on the USM, is paying £3.1 million for Monument Photographic Laboratories, which specializes in photographing properties for estate agencies.

Monument, which services about 650 agencies in and around Oxfordshire, made profits of £387,000 in the 10 months to end-February compared with £150,000 in the previous full year.

The acquisition is in line with the aim of Mr Jeremy Peace, the chairman, to build a broadly-based photographic and video distribution and service group. He plans to buy businesses in the niche markets of British photographic and video industries.

The price for Monument will be satisfied by the issue of 2.37 million Sangers shares — 15.7 per cent of the enlarged capital — of which 1.15 million will be kept by the vendors and the rest conditionally placed through L. Messel, the stockbroker, at 138p. Of these 706,000 will be offered to existing shareholders who may apply for up to two shares for every 21 held.

## Guinness and Moët in sales link

By Ray Heath

In a deal which is being seen as the first big initiative by Mr Anthony Tennant, the new Guinness chief executive, the international drinks group is increasing its marketing power in America, Japan and the Far East, through a link with Moët-Hennessy, the world's largest champagne producer.

The two companies have formed a partnership which analysts yesterday said reflected the thrust which Mr Tennant brought to the IDV division of Grand Metropolitan. It was, said one, a "superb deal" which would give

Guinness a much stronger presence in key markets.

The expansion also takes in Jardine Matheson, the powerful Hong Kong trader, and includes a £41.5 million takeover by Guinness of the Caldbeck liquor distribution network built up in South East Asia by Inchcape.

In America, Guinness's Somerset Group subsidiary is being merged with the Schieffelin distribution network owned by Moët-Hennessy. The new company, Schieffelin and Somerset, will handle Johnny Walker and Tanqueray Gin for Guinness and

the French group's champagne and cognac.

It is expected that Schieffelin and Somerset will have a turnover of more than half a billion dollars, but while the two companies will share lower distribution costs, revenues from individual products will remain separate.

In the Far East the two companies are establishing joint distributorships in Japan, Hong Kong, China, Taiwan and South Korea and will also link with Jardine Matheson, which sells the products of both companies.

Inchcape's Caldbeck group will become part of Guinness

on July 1, and has already established the group's Johnnie Walker brands as top sellers in Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand. In the year to end December it made profits of £4.2 million, and represented about 40 per cent of Inchcape's wines and spirits sales.

Moët-Hennessy and Louis Vuitton, two of the largest French industrial companies, are to merge. The new holding company, LVMH, will have the sixth-largest capitalization on the Paris Bourse, with shares worth a total of Fr23 billion (£2.3 billion).

## Race-day punters in a whirl

The Epsom Derby Day, which ranks alongside the British Grand Prix at Silverstone as an absolute must in the social calendar of any self-respecting City gent, is not well received in all quarters. "It's my least favourite day of the year," said an exhausted David Ward, manager of Battersea Helipoint, after the flat-racing extravaganza. Ward, in a brief break from frenzied traffic-control duties in the midst of the return shuttle yesterday evening, had masterminded a total of 160 helicopter movements between Battersea and the Epsom Downs. In layman's terms, this means 80 flights out and 80 returns. "That's the maximum number allowed for special events by Wandsworth Borough Council," explains Ward, "and the trouble is that they all come at once." The shuttle service for the 15-minute flight began at 10.30 am and went on until well after 7.30 pm. And the cost of £120 per head, for a full load of six passengers, is not, it seems, prohibitive. All available helicopters were booked up months in advance with last-minute punters forced to go by car and queue for hours in traffic jams.

## For the birds

Body Shop, the pioneering beauty products group known for its use of natural products, has come across a real challenge which has made even its founder Anita Roddick sit up and think. In Japan, the next market to be tackled by the go-

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### Entente Cordiale

The roads around the airport in the Canadian town of Windsor, Ontario, were jammed with cars this week, as the entire town turned out to catch its first glimpse of Concordia. But the estimated crowd of 50,000 or so people were, I'm told, more than a little amused to witness the motley collection of food managers, analysts and journalists who

stepped out of the elegant plane, in the midst of their Allied-Lyons junket around Hiram Walker's Canadian sites. The plane did several swoops at low height, deliberately overshooting the runway, to the delight of the waiting spectators, and the plane's merry band of passengers were then given a VIP police motorcycle escort to their hotel.

ahead company, a traditional skin care product. I'm told, pulverised nightingale droppings. It is reputed to make geisha girls' skins soft and smooth. Unable to believe it, Mrs Roddick was shown a fine



"He's been ever so worried lately about a hung Parliament"

of nightingales dutifully performing on a recent factory visit there. For those who find the thought of this treatment somewhat distasteful, I am assured that the droppings are at least sterilised first.

### Smoked out

My colleague, who will insist on smoking, arrived at Dunhill's head office yesterday for its year-end profits briefing armed with lots of his own cigarettes but without a single match. No problem, he assumed, being in the head office of such a famous cigarette house. But when he asked for a light, the staff began scurrying up and down the corridors and eventually confessed that most of them did not smoke. "But don't worry, I'll ask Mr Dunhill," suggested one of them. A lighter bearing the same distinctive name was finally produced. At least somebody there still practises what he preaches.

## 'Detective' rewarded

Bill Bowman, chairman until six weeks ago of ad agency Royds McCann, was busy touring his local toy shops yesterday, looking for a suitable present for a 12-year-old boy. The present was a reward for detective work by young Toby East, who reunited Bowman, aged 54, with his stolen briefcase. The leather briefcase, containing his address book and credit cards, was stolen from the boot of his Rolls-Royce car while it was parked in the Hyde Park underground car park on Friday. "Toby and his brother, Robin, found the briefcase abandoned in Teddington, took it home and managed to decode the combination locks to find out to whom belonged," says a delighted Bowman. Bowman, who now describes himself as a "mobile non-executive chairman", is already on the board of another small ad agency, Teyman and Fishlock, and a handful of other companies and public bodies.

The warm-air hand dryers manufactured by Warner Ho Group, which goes public via a placing next week — find their way into some of the most exclusive toilets in Britain and are often put to some witty uses. One such push-button dryer in the gentlemen's lavatory in the House of Commons is, I am assured, adorned with the notice: "Press here for a message from your MP."

Carol Leonard

## SKF

### Interim statement

SKF Group income after financial income and expense for the first three months of 1987 amounted to 380 million Swedish kronor, as against 350 million for the first quarter of 1986. Group net sales rose from 4,503 million kronor to 4,900 million. Last year's figures for the period have been adjusted to exclude steel operations as these are no longer a consolidated part of SKF's accounts.

	Jan-March 86	Jan-March 87
Net sales (MSkr)	4,503	4,900
Operating income (MSkr)	328	358
Income after financial income and expense (MSkr)	350	380
Capital expenditure (MSkr)	111	197
Average number of employees	40,138	43,699

Despite a generally sluggish business climate in both Europe and the USA, bearing sales to the car industry continued to improve, in particular with high volume sales in West Germany.

Low market growth has made the competitive situation keener which has put pressure on price levels.

SKF's manufacturing rationalization programme in the USA is progressing as scheduled and is contributing to continued improvement in the economy. The total bearing operations in the USA are now profitable.

Operating income totalled 358 million kronor (328), whilst financial items showed a net income of 22 million kronor (22). Earnings per share amounted to 9.20 kronor (8.05).

The main part of the capital expenditure

Aktiebolaget SKF, S-415 50 Göteborg, Sweden.

took place in Europe and was aimed at improving productivity.

A comprehensive restructuring of rolling bearing activities was also begun in order to strengthen the Group's market orientation and consequently its competitiveness. Similar businesses and customers are to be grouped together, whilst differing groups are separated. Specifically, three business areas have been formed, each having a worldwide mandate:

- SKF Bearing Industries, responsible for the manufacture of all standard bearings and their sales to original equipment manufacturers;
- SKF Bearing Services, responsible for standard bearing sales to the distributor segment;
- SKF Specialty Bearings, responsible for the manufacture and sales of special bearings.



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Abelsent Group	440	470	

	Jul	117.15
per kg live	Sep	99.70
	Nov	102.20

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British Gas (78)	155 155 180	34 27 18	42 35 27	48 43 35	7 8 16	7 12 21
British Airways (152)	130 140 160	31 23 10	38 28 20	— 40 29	4 6 14	3 9 17
BP (359)	317 320 390	54 55 25	64 63 37	— 63 49	3 20 20	12 18 28
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	Series	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
De Beers cont'd	3410	10	50	100	300	240	
Diamonds ('374)	35	32	44	—	4	12	
	260	260	260	260	260	260	
	381	13	26	—	16	26	
Globe ('1625)	1400	240	260	315	4	20	
	165	165	145	145	145	145	
	1500	1500	215	245	10	45	
	1550	110	180	215	82	65	
Hanson ('163)	135	30	33	—	1	1	
	156	156	157	157	157	157	
	165	6	12	—	7	10	
	180	1	7	11	18	20	
Sears ('157)	130	28	31	34	1	2	
	140	140	140	140	140	140	
	168	47	12	7	10	13	
Texas ('548)	450	92	107	120	1	5	
	500	57	75	88	4	12	
	550	20	50	85	33	45	
Thom EMI ('724)	500	178	183	183	1	2	
	600	128	133	155	1	1	
	700	78	85	26	1	20	
	720	40	55	77	11	25	
THF ('244)	200	26	36	44	2	5	
	240	1	13	32	2	14	
	250	4	13	20	21	25	
		Series	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Brit Africa ('597)	600	40	62	90	32	47	55
	650	25	42	62	63	80	80
	700	13	27	70	11	112	—
BAT Inds ('581)	420	175	—	—	1	2	—
	460	133	140	—	2	2	—
	500	39	105	—	1	2	15
	550	50	70	—	1	2	28
Brit Telecom ('318)	280	45	55	56	10	14	21
	300	34	44	52	18	23	32
	320	17	30	38	30	38	42
Cadbury Schwepps ('555)	240	27	34	24	7	15	17
	260	16	24	33	19	25	28
	280	9	—	—	33	—	—
Guinness ('365)	300	75	83	82	77	9	15
	320	40	60	77	9	17	17
	363	30	45	55	17	25	28
Ladbrokes ('437)	373	77	81	—	3	15	—
	400	40	50	—	1	3	—
	443	25	37	—	27	35	—
LASMO ('259)	260	30	41	47	21	28	35
	300	20	33	—	—	—	—
	302	1	27	—	3	27	—
Plessey ('209)	220	15	32	28	23	27	30
	240	8	14	—	36	40	—
	260	12	9	8	55	55	—
P & O ('591)	550	155	153	—	3	2	—
	600	105	115	—	3	8	—
	650	60	75	93	12	18	26
Royal ('246)	250	34	42	43	15	18	23
	260	28	35	39	15	19	23
	267	16	23	29	32	35	38
RTZ ('1033)	900	147	185	185	6	15	—
	950	117	189	189	6	15	—
	1000	87	137	187	40	55	67
	1050	74	115	—	67	77	—
Vaal Reef ('122)	130	10	16	19	19	27	—
	140	4	8	11	25	31	—
	150	4	8	—	34	36	—
		Series	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Barclays ('533)	500	85	75	97	11	18	23
	550	30	40	80	33	40	42
	600	11	19	18	37	47	77
Midland Bank ('830)	600	83	75	95	18	27	32
	650	30	47	82	47	55	62
	700	15	28	—	80	80	—
		Series	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Lorinc ('259)	200	100	104	—	1	1	—
	218	82	86	—	1	2	—
	235	82	86	—	1	2	—
	255	48	53	57	2	2	—
	273	29	35	45	5	10	13
		Series	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
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5TR ('31)	300	35	47	52	3	R
	330	14	27	34	11	20
	420	3	15	22	33	38
Blue Circle ('47)	255	55	64	82	3	7
	450	35	45	82	7	15
	475	20	30	50	20	30
De Beers ('16)	1100	120	180	220	50	11
	1200	50	140	160	120	140
	1300	25	60	133	200	225

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# GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

June 4, 1987

**T**he loss of the so-called conveyancing monopoly by solicitors, the argument with the Government on the cost of legal aid, and competition between the Bar and the Law Society over rights of audience and access to barristers have recently attracted much media coverage. But these are merely symptoms of a trend as the legal profession becomes more and more exposed to the rigours of the open market.

The resulting changes will alter significantly the public perception of the profession and its role, and in particular the kind of future on offer to potential recruits.

In London law firms have come under pressure from the City's current financial revolution, where even the large City firms have felt the wind of change, and also from the fierce competition to capture and retain work in a time of greater client mobility.

In the provinces pressure on firms has intensified because of the loss of income from conveyancing, which has in turn led to an examination of the viability of legal aid work and other small civil and criminal litigation. There is a realization that provincial firms will have to compete in areas that have largely been the province of large London law firms.

This has led to a series of provincial mergers and groupings to aid specialization and provide a wider appeal in the recruitment of graduates and other personnel.

On the one hand, provincial firms are now beginning to open London offices. On the other, the large London firms are stepping up their recruitment of qualified staff by direct action in the provincial centres.

But other factors have also altered the shape of the large City law firms, their approach to recruitment, and indeed their ability to attract high-quality personnel. The law is a rapidly changing profession.

Solicitors have, for example, been in the forefront of those embracing new technology, and Big Bang has given fresh impetus to this trend. Prospective employees expect to see in a modern solicitors' office a complete range of computerized accounting, word-processing and information systems as well as fully up-to-date computerized telecommunications. The intelligent use of such systems leads to greater efficiency and speed, fewer hours spent on a particular transaction, and thus a more competitively priced service for the client.

Another sign of competition from market forces is the extensive use of public relations by solicitors. Solicitors have been permitted to advertise since October 1985 and rules were further relaxed earlier this year. Any recruit now entering the profession does so in the knowledge that the promotion of his firm is an essential part of his professional life.

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Andrew Bryce is a partner in the City of London solicitors' firm of Cameron Markby

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All these changes have several consequences for recruitment and training.

Non-legal professionals are now commonly employed by solicitors, notably in the areas of personnel and financial control, and in specialist areas such as pensions and computer management.

In another area, it is increasingly difficult for junior members of the Bar to make an adequate living and a considerable number of barristers are moving to the solicitors' branch of the profession, forming a large proportion of those replying to job advertisements.

The substantial rewards of legal practice at the highest level, combined with a state of government cutbacks in higher education, have also encouraged academics to move full-time or

part-time into legal practice, either into research roles or as practising lawyers.

The state of mergers both in London and in the provinces is likely to produce a more fluid labour market for qualified staff, particularly among the "marzipan layer" of those aspiring to partnership. Combined with the squeeze produced by rapidly rising City rents and overheads it seems inevitable that there will be an increase in the head-hunting of individuals and teams.

In the graduate market, entrants now expect firms to provide a properly structured training programme over and above the minimum training requirements

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The intense competition between City law firms to attract the best graduates is a reflection of the overall increase in competitiveness in the sector. The stimulus to salaries resulting from Big Bang, and government cutbacks resulting in a shortage of grants for law school have meant increasingly sophisticated financial packages to attract them.

While the demand for high-quality graduates by the large provincial and City law firms has probably increased by 100 per cent during the past five years, the number of students at universities has at best remained static. Combined with a historical lack of success in recruiting at qualified level, the competition for top-class graduate entrants is indeed fierce.

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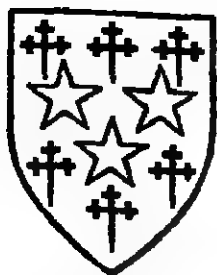
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## The Somerville stamp and how it made its mark on three women

When the young Hazel Stuart, now Lady Fox, went up to Somerville in 1946 the college did not encourage "applied subjects"; this meant law and engineering, for example, were not catered for.

"I was then reading modern languages and I had to make a special application to read law at the end of my first term."

Luckily, both for her and the future of Somerville's law school, the principal at that time, Janet Vaughan, was "very enlightened" and her law studies went ahead.

From then on there was a succession of law students at Somerville, though they had to go to other colleges for their tuition. It was not until 1977 that Lady Fox — who, after taking a first, carried on teaching part-time at the college for many years — came back as its first law fellow to head the new law school. Though small in size it is now one of the college's strengths.

Miss Anne de Moor, aged 35, who took over as head of the law school when Lady Fox left in 1981 (she is now director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law in London), says that the ratio of applicants to places is high: three times the number of places among those putting Somerville as their first college.

When she first took over there were four students a year. Now there are 24 among the 300-plus in the college.

The college also has a law lecturer who teaches the core subjects, while Miss de Moor specialises in comparative and European law. There is an active college law society which focuses on women and the law and feminist issues: Helena Kennedy, a human rights barrister, addressed its inaugural meeting on women at the bar.

Many students have gone on to make their mark in law. Among them are judges such as Mary Parry Evans (Lady Hallman), a crown court recorder since 1978; top civil servants such as Mrs Eileen Denza, a legal counsellor at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office since 1983; solicitors such as Pamela Morgan who heads Beechams' legal department in Brussels; and Harriet Davies, a partner with Lovell White and King, one of the first women partners in the City; and Hazel Yates, one of those who read law at the college and became the first woman member of the Stock Exchange when she was made a partner in a stockbroking firm in 1973.

Law, Lady Fox maintains, is the ideal subject to fit in with the fragmented pattern of a woman's career, providing a

variety of work which can be taken up at different points.

Her own career illustrates this: she practised at the bar for several years until marrying (her husband is Sir Michael Fox, the Court of Appeal judge), did research, was a JP, chairman of a juvenile bench, and then a full-time law lecturer as fellow at Somerville.

Dr Helen Muir, now director of the Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology, thought of going to Oxford because her brother had been there, and it all seemed rather fun. But starting as a medical student and switching to chemistry was less than fun.

"My tutor, Dorothy Hodgkin, was very understanding," she says, and arranged special teaching for her to catch up in the subjects she had not studied sufficiently at school, such as maths. "It was extremely difficult to teach me the mathematics for the physical sciences, and so things like thermodynamics I just didn't do."

Her year-long research project helped — "Anyone with a practical flair can

### 'Nobel prizes fell into the laps of Britons'

pull themselves up." She got an upper second "with a great struggle".

During the Second World War there was an enormous effort to synthesize penicillin — "I did a D.Phil. and worked on a team under Sir Robert Robinson" — benefiting from the contact with other young and brilliant scientists. "I was still a hard chemist in those days, and I worked for a year after my D.Phil. with Sir Howard Florey."

Moving to London to work for the National Institute for Medical Research, she became, she says, "more of a biochemist", working for Professor Neuberger, "one of the fathers of biochemistry".

"I never projected my career forward more than a year at a time," she says, adding that it was a lucky time to be starting out in science because the opportunities were there "and Nobel prizes were falling into the laps of Britons".

Out in the wide world, she says, she got an Arthritis and Rheumatism Council Fellowship for three years. "Luckily, not many people had worked in this field, which is now reasonably well developed. ARC turned me into a person working in the area of rheumatic diseases."

One fellowship after another followed, until in 1966 she became head of the Kennedy Institute, which was then being built, becoming the director in 1977.

Dr Muir has received many honours and awards, including the CBE, and she points out that she was the first woman to serve on the council of the Medical Research Council, and the first woman trustee of the Wellcome Trust, Britain's biggest charity for medical research.

Dr Geraldine Ashworth, was a late beginner, a mature medical student at 29. "I applied to 15 places and they all rejected me, except Oxford: Oxford and Cambridge have an entrance exam so they know a bit more about you."

She qualified in 1976 and embarked on the usual career for a doctor, "six months here, six months there", with a growing interest in the reconstructive side of plastic surgery. Six of the months had been at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, which looms over the back wall of the college.

"In 1984 I came back to do an M.Sc. converted into a D.Phil. on 'studies in craniofacial growth and repair'."

Dr Ashworth is at present working with a unit which involves two consultants operating together — a neurosurgeon and a reconstructive surgeon — on what is called a transcranial procedure, or in simple terms, "You take the forehead off, remodel it, and stick it back on in an hour-and-a-half or so."

This operation is for small children born with a congenital deformity: they have a pointed forehead and no supra orbital ridges because the sutures have closed too early, which may also involve brain damage.

Earlier treatment meant many repeated operations, but the team of Mr Poole (plastic surgeon) and Mr Briggs (neurosurgeon) has done hundreds of these operations, the techniques of which can, of course, be used for tumors and severe head injuries.

"These injuries can be pretty horrific, and involve bone loss. They used to reconstruct using bones, such as ribs, from the body, but there's a new technique using donor bone and I've been involved in preparing the bones."

Somerville has been very helpful to her. Working for a D.Phil. is expensive. She is not paid for her work at the unit — Somerville gave her an interest-free loan.

She felt rather lonely to begin with, but discovered that Somerville was keeping tabs on her progress and was interested in how she was doing: even her former tutor, Jean Bannister, now retired, made a point of seeing her.

"It's like being welcomed into the family again," she says.

Frances Gibb  
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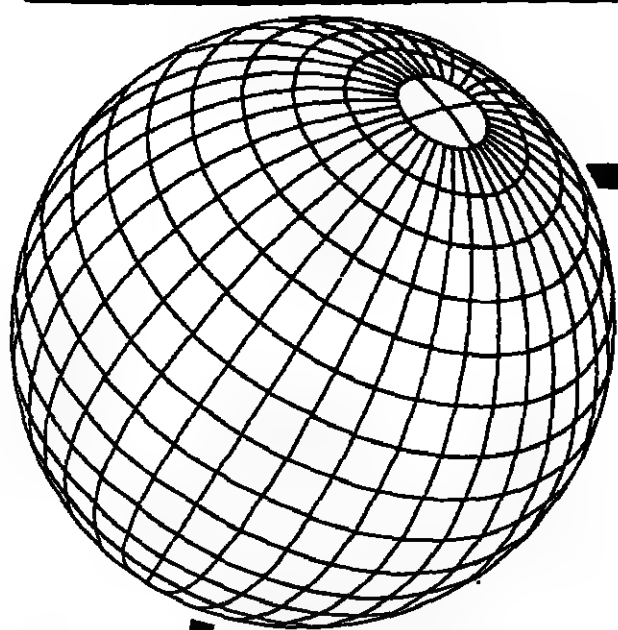
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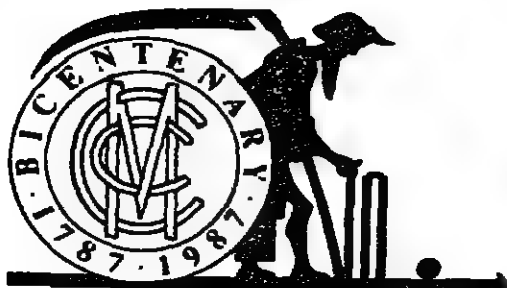
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# Traditionalists rule at Lord's



**DAVID FRITH, the editor of Wisden Cricket Monthly, explores the corridors of power within cricket's most famous ground**

**W**hile the history of Lord's cricket ground overflows with conspicuous performances by cricketers from disparate counties and Test nations, MCC's own history has been created by the club's officers and members, many of whom have been highly distinguished, some even visionaries, and others eccentric enough to keep the satirists satisfied.

In their 200 years the club have had only 11 secretaries — before the abrupt departure of J.A. Bailey in January — the majority of whom have been noteworthy characters themselves. The first, Benjamin Aislabie, took honorary office in 1822, all 22 stone of him, "a hippopotamus among greyhounds". The membership then was only a couple of hundred.

The fourth secretary, F.A. FitzGerald (1863-76), was a wit and a man of firm business sense who revived a club in perceptible decline. His successor, Henry Perkins, a volatile, heavily-bearded little barrister who had worked for *The Times*, served in the now-paid post for 21 years to 1897, during which time MCC's influence strengthened and membership doubled to 4,000.

The club's controlling position in the cricket world was quite beyond reasonable challenge by the time F.E. Lacey took over as secretary. Another lawyer, he brought stronger administrative disciplines and stood firmly alongside the autocratic Lord Harris in the gallery of the game's government. Even then, though, MCC steered cricket by the popular will rather than through any cast-iron mandate; which explains the club's reluctance to seek innovation.

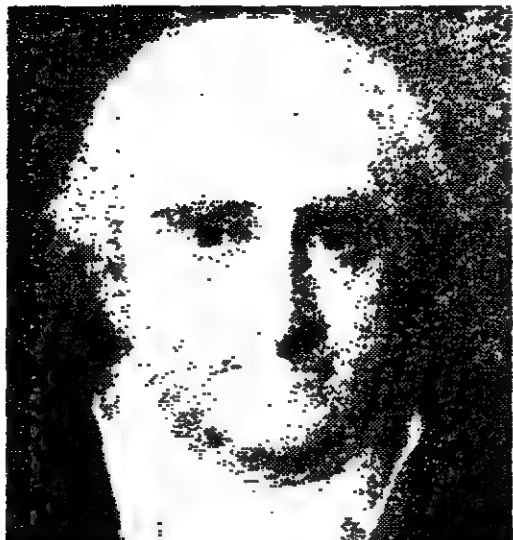
Instead, they have traditionally accepted their role as a gently-governing body, there to be consulted. Sir Francis Lacey's successors — Billy Findlay, Colonel Raul Kerr, Ronnie Aird, S.C. "Bilby" Griffith, Jack Bailey, and the recently-appointed Colonel Stephenson — have all known, or been shown, that the secretaryship is essentially a private club appointment with a responsibility stretching only as far as custodian of the game's laws and as secretary of the International Cricket Conference.

Seldom has this been more strongly in need of reiteration than of late, when factions within MCC have failed to realize that their club have not controlled first-class cricket since the Test and County Cricket Board were set up in 1968.

It needs a supreme effort of imagination to visualize how rural the environs of St John's Wood were when the Earl of Winchelsea and Charles Lennox (later the fourth Duke of Richmond), both members of the White Conduit Club, who played cricket in an Islington field, requested Thomas Lord to make and manage a new ground for them, guaranteeing him financially.

It is also mildly surprising that that ground still bears the name of the Yorkshire-born player/coach/groundsmen who founded it, for in 1825, when Lord was 70, he announced his intention to build houses on what millions since have come to regard as a sacred sporting field.

This was the disastrous year of the pavilion conflagration, when precious records went up in smoke. William Ward, MP for the City of London and a director of the Bank of England, bought Lord's lease, saving the ground from the property speculators. Perhaps Ward was sentimental about Lord's, having scored a massive (by the standards of the day) 278 on it, a record, five years earlier for MCC against Norfolk.



Thomas Lord: the man whose name lives on\*



W.G. Grace: leading light in Lord's hall of fame

**T**he present ground had not been Lord's first choice. He had initially rented a parcel of land from the Portman family, where Dorset Square now spreads. Here, in May 1787, a team broadly described as Middlesex beat one from Essex to take the 100 guineas stake money. A year later the new Marylebone Cricket Club played their first recorded match, beating White Conduit, who then faded from existence.

MCC, high in confidence and prestige from the start, soon revised the game's laws and their membership quickly embraced almost all the leading amateur cricketers and sporting gentlemen. In 1805 the first Eton v Harrow match was played at Lord's (Byron limping his way to seven and two, though he claimed to have scored 11 and seven), and in 1806 the first Gentlemen v Players was staged.

But London's growth was forcing up rents, so Lord lifted his turf and re-laid it just over half-a-mile north, on which patch the first match was played in 1811. Soon plans for the cutting of the Regent Canal precipitated a second transfer, to where we see later generations of Thomas Lord's turf today.

The new eight-acre ground was first used in June 1814, when MCC beat Hertfordshire by an innings, the participants hardly being in a position to visualize the great wealth of cricketing achievement that would follow, from Pich and Mynn, W.G. Grace, Ranjitsinhji, Trumper, Hobbs, Woolley, Hendren, Bradman, Hammond, Hutton and Compton, to Sobers, Lloyd, Richards and Botham.

It's a batsman's game, even though Lord's itself has seldom been regarded as a batting paradise. John Lillywhite compared it to a billiard table — in respect of its pockets. The only fatality in English first-class cricket occurred here after George Summers, of Nottinghamshire, was hit on the head by a kicker from the MCC and Ground fast bowler John Platts in 1870. In 1961 the "ridge" in the pitch was identified once and for all. This, with the pronounced slope from Grandstand down to

\*The picture of Thomas Lord is from *Double Century* by Tony Lewis (Hodder and Stoughton, £14.95)



Lord Harris: autocrat in the game's government

Tavern, would hardly be characteristic of a custom-built cricket ground of the 1980s.

And nor would the charm and grandeur of the pavilion, which cost £21,000 in 1839, and remains the greatest feature of Lord's, notwithstanding later developments such as the Grace Gates, the Grandstand, the Memorial Gallery, the Warner Stand, the Tavern Stand, the MCC indoor school, or the unjustly-maligned New Mound Stand.

None of it would be here today if another threat, a century ago, had not been parried: the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Company wanted to drive a line across Lord's. By now MCC owned the freehold, William Nicholson MP having funded the purchase in 1866 for £18,333.

MCC, whose power and influence developed from the decline of Hambledon and the development of the metropolis, have steered the game, not always without clumsiness, through crises aplenty.

**F**irst roundarm bowling and then overarm was granted acceptance. The haphazard early private tours of Australia and elsewhere were rationalized under the MCC flag. The "impudent" protest cable from Australia during the 1932-33 "Bodyline" series was parried with predictably curt language and an eventual solution found to that evil threat — even though the odour of whitewash streamed from the Long Room.

A 1,000lb bomb from the Luftwaffe just missed the pavilion and square and the bust of W.G. was restored to its place come peacetime. An IRA bomb scare in 1973, the encampment of TV crews and reporters when the Packer incursion of 1977 turned Lord's briefly into an operations room, and in this year of bicentenary celebrations, the gale-blown marquee on the evening of the grand ball and the rejection of the annual report and accounts: all of this recedes as mere passing history in the saga of the most mystic and nostalgic cricket ground of them all.

## TOMORROW

Irving Rosenwater on the great deeds at Lord's.

## SPORTS LETTERS

### Words failed to carry

**From Mr Tony Ellis**  
Sir, Having just returned from Edgbaston I hope the recent one-day cricket international will be remembered, not for the crowd problems but for being one of the finest one-day games yet played.

**With that thought in mind** I would like to point out one factor which I fear will not emerge from the post-mortem the cricket authorities are expected to hold.

I find it hard to believe that a Test match ground like Edgbaston has a public address system which can only be heard by half the ground. Along with a group of friends I was sitting in the main public stand where all the crowd problems took place. From the start of play to the end we heard not one PA address including, of course, the request from the two captains for the crowd to settle down. Surely, given how valuable a weapon a good PA system is in controlling crowds, the Edgbaston authorities can better equip the ground.

The memories of the Bradford fire disaster are surely not that distant. At present should any emergency take place at

Edgbaston the authorities have no means of alerting large areas of the ground to the danger and the means by which the people can avoid it.

**Yours faithfully,**  
TONY ELLIS  
89 Bolleau Road,  
Barnes, SW13.

### Inaudible evidence

**From Mr R Stevens**  
Sir, I could not let the letter by D O Spyer (May 21) go without comment. He says he thanked the spectators for their good behaviour at the Middlesex Sevens over the public address system. Unfortunately, it is very unlikely that anyone in the ground could have understood anything that was said.

The PA system at Twickenham is a joke and a sick one at that. All words uttered, no matter how well enunciated, are muffled and inaudible. I had to suffer it at the John Player Cup Final the week before the Sevens. PLEASE, can somebody at the RFU do something about it?

**Yours faithfully,**  
R STEVENS,  
8 Hawthorne Close,  
Woking, Surrey.

### Discouraging pitch invaders

**From Mr M A Wynne**  
Sir, Having just witnessed one of the most exciting games of one-day cricket ever I am appalled by the disgraceful behaviour of some of the spectators.

Whilst I have no wish to apportion blame, I feel that umpires Bird and Palmer would have done much better by removing the balls and teams from the playing area immediately they saw signs of pitch invasion. Indeed Harold Bird spent more time reprimanding the players from running on to the playing area, rather than taking some form of positive action to prevent the spectators

from running on to the playing area. Surely 500-plus very emotional supporters would do far more damage than two batsmen scampering quick singles.

Perhaps the TCCB should issue umpires with instructions to suspend players indefinitely, coupled with warnings from the respective team captains over the public address system.

This may prevent the unruly behaviour, that all serious cricket lovers abhor, from manifesting itself too often.

**Yours faithfully,**  
M A WYNNE,  
12 Pickwick Place,  
Harrow, Middlesex.

### Limited coverage

**From Mr Robin Bloom**  
Sir, The British Broadcasting Corporation has again shown that it does not take seriously the "British" in its title. My complaint is in respect of their coverage of the Rugby World Cup from Australia and New Zealand.

In Scotland and in Wales the BBC are broadcasting the respective country's games live or "as live" on the morning after the game. In England however we must be content with recorded highlights. When I raised the matter with the BBC's duty officer today he indicated "live" coverage of England's games would be considered if they progressed in the competition. I pointed out true supporters of their country wish to follow the team's fortunes whether they are successful or not. To this he had no reply.

The stance assumed by the BBC is an insult to the English rugby players and supporters. It

is ironic that England's participation for the Webb Ellis Trophy will not be enjoyed by the rugby followers in the country where William Webb Ellis first "picked up the ball and ran".

**Yours faithfully,**  
ROBIN BLOOM,  
Greenside,  
Egglecliffe, Cleveland.

### Thorny problem

**From Mr J Appleyard**  
Sir, As a longtime supporter of Lancashire County Cricket Club I am in something of a quandary.

How can I show allegiance to my team, currently flushed with County Championship success, without being confused as a supporter of another "organization" much in the news at this election time?

**Yours faithfully,**  
J APPLEYARD,  
38 Heddingham Road,  
Halstead, Essex.

## The professionals on hard times

**From Mr Cyril Mummery**  
Sir, Those of us, whether men of Kent or not, who were fortunate enough to see Frank Woolley play will find Alan Gibson's appreciation grudging and somewhat insensitive.

Woolley was on Kent's books from 1906-1938 but five years of his prime were years of war. When he returned the master, Blyth, was not at the other end. To give prominence to his alleged meanness makes a good story but does not make for understanding of the hard life of the professional cricketer in the inter-war period. They had to

play for many years to exist in retirement. Rhodes and Mead lost their sight because of their protected service in the game and Hobbs made as many centuries after he was 40 as before. In the holiday season, especially in Kent, genuinely cheap amateurs replaced professionals. Woolley's noted last slip catcher and once, in the days before reserve wicket-keepers could be picked out of the crowd, kept wicket for England. Yours faithfully,

**CYRIL A MUMMERY,**  
60 South Road,  
Saffron Walden, Essex.

### Seeing red over a rose

**From Mr Paul Rawson**

Sir, Because I am a member of the Lancashire County Cricket Club and also a fervent born Lancastrian I have lately rejoiced in Lancashire's position at the top of the County Championship (admittedly a non-event) by sporting a red rose on my lapel.

However many friends, relations and business acquaintances have, as a result, ascribed to me a particular political affiliation.

The seizure of Lancashire's red rose by a political party is much to be regretted. I now have to choose either to institute legal proceedings against that political party for "stealing" the red rose or rest content that, possibly coincidentally, the joint venture has caused Lancashire cricket to be so rightly called.

**Which should I pursue?**  
PAUL R RAWSON,  
Springwood,  
Audlem, Cheshire.

### Falling standards

**From Mr L G Westcombe**  
Sir, I can only watch cricket on TV, and like all lovers of the game, thoroughly dislike the bad behaviour of part of the crowd at certain games.

Can it be that this bad behaviour is brought about by watching the game on television? The fielding side when they rush across and mob their member who has bowled out, run out, caught or stumped a batsman?

I think the MCC could easily put a stop to this wretched display of bad manners. It could never have happened in the days of Lord Harris and Frank Woolley, whom I knew as a young man.

**Yours faithfully,**  
L G WESTCOMBE,  
4 Pine Court,  
Beech,  
Sutton, Devon.

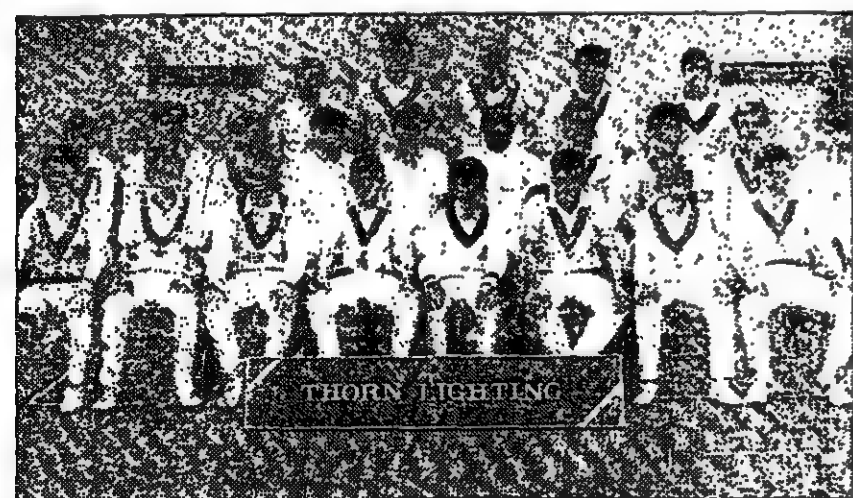
### Juggling the order

**From Mr B P Smith**

Sir, In cricket the batting order for the one-day game is usually the same as for the three and four day game. So the top order batsmen waste over after over with restraining balls, and it is left to the lower order to hit out and make the runs. Why not reverse the batting order, and give the hitters an early chance, with the "better" batsmen in reserve to save the day?

I doubt if any cricket captain has the nerve to reject tradition, but I wonder if it has been tried?

**Yours faithfully,**  
BRIAN P SMITH,  
4 Cliff Road,  
Eastbourne, East Sussex.



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## Law Report June 4 1987

### No interest for tenants

**Brinmand v Ewens**  
Before Lord Justice Nourse and Sir Roulcy Cumming-Bruce  
[Judgment June 3]

Where the occupiers of property had carried out repairs and improvements, thus enhancing the value of the property, they were entitled to an interest in the property, unless they could demonstrate that they had acted in the belief that they would acquire an interest in the property and that belief had been encouraged by the landlord.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the defendants. Keith Anderson, Ewens and Joyce Hyacinth Ewens from a decision dated September 11, 1986 of Mr Recorder R. R. Russell, who at Wandsworth County Court gave judgment for the plaintiff landlord, Katherine Anna Antonetta Brinmand and made an order for possession against the defendants.

The defendants in person: Mr Simon Brinmand for the plaintiff.

**LORD JUSTICE NOURSE** said that since about 1963 Mrs Ewens had been a tenant of the ground floor and back room of the first floor of 101 Tooting Bec Road, Upper Tooting, London. In about 1972 she married her husband.

Until 1978 or 1979 the upper part of the property was occupied by others but the last occupants left and the defendants and their family moved into occupation of the whole house. There was no doubt that from that time onwards they had expended substantial sums of money in doing repairs and making improvements to the house.

The defendants claimed that they had spent £30,000. The amount was not important and the landlord accepted that repairs and improvements had been done.

The defendants' claim was for an interest in the remainder of

the property under the doctrine of proprietary estoppel. The recorder heard evidence from both parties and made certain findings of fact which appeared to support his decision against the defendants to the effect that they had no interest in the property.

There were four ingredients which were necessary to establish proprietary estoppel. The first was that the claimant must show that he had prejudiced himself or acted to his detriment; that requirement was satisfied.

The second was that acting in that way must have taken place in the belief either that he had sufficient interest in the property or that he would obtain such an interest.

The third was that the belief must have been encouraged by the owner of the land or others acting on his behalf.

The fourth was that there was no bar to the equity; that was not a material consideration in the present case.

The second and third requirements were in issue. As to the second requirement the recorder found that the defendants moved into the whole house to enable the local authority to exercise its statutory powers to force the landlord to repair the house. The council sent workmen in to do the repair work and registered a charge on the property.

The defendants said that the work had been badly done and that they had had to do it again. The recorder found that the work was done by the defendants to make the home more comfortable and not in relation to gaining a right to occupy the house.

There was evidence before the recorder on which he could make those findings and the defendants had failed to satisfy the requirement that they had acted in the belief that they would obtain an interest in the property sufficient to justify the

expenditure which they had incurred.

As to the third requirement, the recorder found that the landlord had at no time granted the defendants a tenancy or asked for rent for the whole house. The recorder was satisfied that the landlord did not know that the repairs and improvements were being carried out by the defendants.

There was ample evidence on which those findings could be made and it necessarily followed that the belief that the defendants might have had that they were acquiring an interest in the property was not encouraged by anyone acting on the landlord's behalf. Since they could not encourage something of which they had no knowledge.

**Sir Roulcy Cumming-Bruce** agreed.

**Solicitors:** Graham Harvey & Co, Paddington.

**Paul and Another v Nalco**

The expenditure of money on literature distributed by a trade union during the run up to the general election which had as its main purpose the intention of persuading the public not to vote for the Conservative party was in breach of section 3(1) of the Trade Union Act 1913 as amended.

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### Consent incapacity no bar to abortion

**In re X**

It would not be unlawful to carry out an operation for the termination of a defendant's pregnancy by reason only of her lack of capacity to give informed consent for the operation, Mr Justice Reeve declared in a hearing in chambers.

The declaration related to a pregnant adult woman suffering permanently from Down's syndrome and who was severely mentally retarded. The application was made by the person having her care.

Mr Justice Reeve made the declaration, the terms of which were released with his Lordship's consent, in the Family Division on June 3 after reading and hearing medical evidence that the termination of

the pregnancy was in the woman's best interests and that, for various medical reasons in the particular case, there was a substantial risk of the fetus being affected by Down's syndrome and/or being deformed.

The Official Solicitor, as guardian ad litem, did not oppose the declaration.

His Lordship held that he had jurisdiction under Order 15, rule 16 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

His Lordship was not asked to consider whether the proposed termination was lawful within the requirements of the Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929 or the Abortion Act 1967 which were matters upon which the doctors concerned would form their own clinical judgment.

## Union's political spending unlawful

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otherwise presenting to any electors any of the candidates or persuading people to vote or not to vote for any political party or candidates (b) incurring any further expenses or applying any funds in doing any of the acts described.

**THE VICE-CHANCELLOR** said that Nalco was not affiliated to any political party and did not have the necessary resolution in force under section 3 of the 1913 Act approving the furtherance of political objects as an object of the association and did not have a political fund within the meaning of the 1913 Act.

Nalco contended that the purposes of the campaign were of a general nature to persuade people that public services were a good thing. The plaintiff had to show that the main purpose of the literature was to persuade people not to vote for the Conservative party.

Each leaflet referred to the Conservative party and the implementation of its policies

and did not contain anything that was critical of any other party or government.

Having given a one-sided view they invited the electorate to think and then to vote. The overwhelming inference from the leaflets was to influence the public to vote against the Conservative party.

Another factor was that no leaflets had been prepared for use after the campaign which was hard to tie up with a view to running a full year unaltered to influence the vote.

The indication was that the main purpose was to influence voting. The expenditure was unlawful since it was in breach of section 3.

His Lordship was not prepared to express any view or to make any declaration relating to a breach of the Representation of the People Act 1983 since it was unnecessary for his decision and many ways to people other than the parties in the case.







## RUGBY UNION

# England stick to first principles to sound stiff warning to Wales

From David Hands  
Rugby Correspondent

England..... 34  
United States..... 6

It was not a cake walk, it was not stylish, but it was effective and there have been too many times in the recent past when you could not say that about England.

In the last of their pool one games at Concord Oval here yesterday, Michael Harrison's team ensured a place against Wales in the quarter-finals of the World Cup with a conclusive forward display which suggests that, in the knock-out stages, they will be no push-over for anybody.

They beat the Americans by three goals, a try and four penalties, goals to a goal. More to the point, they came through with no significant injuries and additional knowledge about the strengths and weaknesses in their squad.

Harrison spoke afterwards of the improvement in certain areas as the pool games have progressed. Yesterday it came in the set pieces; from the first scrum both American props were in grave difficulties and England eventually took six heels against the head, against one kindly kicked back on the American side. The story was the same at the line-out. Dooley and Bainbridge dominated, permitting the opposition only four successes in each half.

Having established base camp, England were happy to explore no further than the foothills. They tied in the big American back row who had caused such distress in Australian ranks three days earlier, and for three quarters of the match permitted no loose ball to escape.

## Scotland side face most difficult task

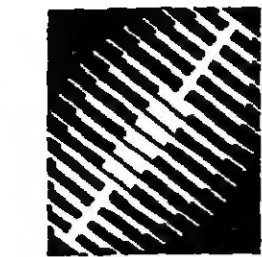
From David Hands

The final round of pool games in rugby union's inaugural World Cup were played in Australia and New Zealand yesterday, leaving two of the home countries - England and Wales - to continue their perennial confrontation in Brisbane next Monday.

The hardest task faces Scotland, who play New Zealand in the first of the quarter-finals. By beating Tonga in Brisbane yesterday, Ireland made sure of a place in the last eight against Australia in Sydney on Sunday while, on the same day, France will play Fiji in Auckland.

Wales remained unbeaten in pool two after a 49-9 win over Canada, and England defeated the United States 34-6 to decide the second qualifying place from pool one.

"In Brisbane the whole thing starts again, a completely different competition," Martin Green, England's coach, said in Sydney: in pool matches England, Ireland and Fiji have all



WORLD CUP

### QUARTER-FINALS

Match 1: June 6 (Christchurch)  
New Zealand (1) Scotland (0)  
Match 2: June 7 (Auckland)  
France (1) Fiji (0)  
Match 3: June 7 (Sydney)  
Australia (1) Ireland (0)  
Match 4: June 8 (Brisbane)  
Wales (1) England (0)

### SEMI-FINALS

June 13 (Sydney)  
(Winner match 2) (Winner match 3)  
June 14 (Brisbane)  
(Winner match 1) (Winner match 4)

### 3RD PLACE PLAY-OFF

June 18 (Rotorua)  
(1) (0)

### FINAL

June 20 (Auckland)  
(1) (0)

They nodded off somewhat with 15 minutes left and the United States scored a well-earned try through Purcell, their vice-captain, in the corner from a tapped penalty, otherwise there was no doubting English superiority.

Allied to the forward power was Webb's goal-kicking and general safety in defence. Although Richards frequently dropped back to relieve him of the physical chore of catching

some high-hanging kicks. Webb seldom wavered and the only two kicks he missed both hit an upright.

The back division was something of a curate's egg: Harrison made his customary inroads, turning up - just as he does for Yorkshire - in some unexpected places, but a packed American midfield defence proved too much in most respects. But on the rare occasions they ran, they found England's back row again in exceptional form.

That trio received a tangible reward in the shape of Winterbottom's two tries. Webb opened and closed the first half with penalties (both times for obstruction) and converted Winterbottom's first try after Richards had driven to the front of a line-out. From an American scrum Winterbottom scored his second, flinging himself onto a ball which squirted out too quickly for Saunders.

There was nothing very special about England's switch moves in the middle, though American tendencies to drift off side may have had something to do with that. Webb knocked over a couple more penalties before some neat handling between Bailey and Salmon put Harrison over.

Deep in injury time, Dooley charged through after good approach work by Salmon, Webb, Harrison and Winterbottom.

SCORERS: England: Tries: Winterbottom (2), Harrison, Dooley, Conversions: Webb (3). Penalties: Webb (4). United States: Try: Purcell, Conversion: Nelson.

ENGLAND: J. Webb; M. Harrison (capt); J. Salmon; F. Dooley; M. Bailey; R. Andrew; R. Lamb; G. Davies; G. Jones; P. Richards; W. Dooley; S. Bainbridge; G. Rees; D. Richards.

UNITED STATES: R. Nelson; M. Purcell; K. Higgins; T. Vindick; G. Hearn; J. Clarkson; M. Saunders; R. Bailey; J. Everett; R. Brendell; G. Lambert; S. Finkel; B. Vizard.

Referee: K. Fitzgerald (Australia).

Wales..... 40  
Canada..... 9

Much had been made beforehand of the various possible permutations if Wales were to lose this match to Canada and still qualify at the head of pool two. In the end, the calculations finished up as trivial notes on pieces of scrap-paper.

Wales won comfortably by four goals and four tries to three penalties, and could feel well pleased that their three-quarters, like others among the seeded teams in the tournament, were able to demonstrate their running ability.

While the weather has been extraordinarily kind for them in the second half, Jonathan Davies was in devastating form. Each occasion he decided to run, and he did so half a dozen times or more, dummifying and side-stepping at will, he splintered the Canadian defence. He, Bowen and Devereux were a striking midfield trio and created much of the damage which saw Wales run in seven marvellous tries, scored by Evans (3), Devereux, Bowen, Hadley and Phillips. Three of them were converted by Thorburn.

Evans, by scoring four tries in the match, equalled the Welsh international record set by Willie Llewellyn in 1899 against England, and equaled by R. A. Gibbs (against France in 1908) and more recently Maurice Richards (against England in 1969).

SCORERS: Wales: Tries: Evans (4), J. Devereux, B. Bowen, A. Hadley, A. Phillips, Conversions: A. Hadley (4). Penalties: G. Rees (3).

WALE: P. Thorburn; J. Evans; J. Devereux; B. Bowen (capt); K. Phillips; A. Hadley; J. Jones (capt); R. Gibbs; S. Devereux; A. Phillips; J. Whitlock; G. Roberts; R. Morley; P. Dwyer; M. Moriarty; P. Rees.

CANADA: M. Wyatt; P. Palmer; T. Woods; J. Lacey; S. Gray; G. Rees; J. Stuart (capt); J. Gendron; K. Stedman; R. McKellar; R. Frame; R. Hendon; H. de Goeke (capt); B. Rees; G. Evans.

Referee: D. Bishop (New Zealand).

How Japan must regret not having played Okidoki on the wing against the United States. His goal-kicking was in a different league to their previous operators but he had, apparently, been omitted because of defensive weakness.

Japan swarmed all over the field and Kusuki scored two delightful tries. But just before the interval, with Japan attacking on half way, Grigg tackled a man without the ball, leaving Tsumotoyaku with no support and Burke snatched up the loose ball and scampered away to score unopposed without so much as a hint that an illegality had occurred.

Campese, playing full back, scored his 24th try for Australia, which equals Ian Smith's world record for Scotland - though I suspect Smith's were scored against somewhat flatter opposition - but Australia's midfield was at odds with itself and its opponents. Okidoki dropped a huge goal off an upright but Australia were relieved to finish as they did.

SCORERS: Australia: Tries: Stark (2), Burke (2), T. Tait, G. Hall, Conversions: Tait (2), Penalties: Stark (2). United States: Try: Okidoki, Conversion: Okidoki (1), Penalties: Okidoki (2), Dropped goal: Okidoki.

AUSTRALIA: D. Campese; M. Burke; A. Stark; M. Cook (capt); B. Palmer; P. Grigg; M. Lynam; B. Smith; E. Rodriguez; M. McBain; M. Hann; S. Peden; S. Corder; W. Reynolds; D. Coad; S. Tait (capt); M. Tait; W. Campbell.

JAPAN: S. Miki; M. Tsumotoyaku; K. Yonaguchi; E. Kusuki; M. Okidoki; S. Hirao; H. Iwata; T. Nishimura; T. Fujita; M. Aizawa; K. Miyamoto; Y. Sakuraba; T. Hayashi (capt); Y. Kawase; S. Imai.

Referee: J. Fleming (Scotland).

Wales and Ireland qualify for the quarter-finals.

POOL 1

Australia 42 Japan (at Sydney)

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From Gerald Davies  
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Wales..... 40  
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Much had been made beforehand of the various possible permutations if Wales were to lose this match to Canada and still qualify at the head of pool two. In the end, the calculations finished up as trivial notes on pieces of scrap-paper.

Wales won comfortably by four goals and four tries to three penalties, and could feel well pleased that their three-quarters, like others among the seeded teams in the tournament, were able to demonstrate their running ability.

While the weather has been extraordinarily kind for them in the second half, Jonathan Davies was in devastating form. Each occasion he decided to run, and he did so half a dozen times or more, dummifying and side-stepping at will, he splintered the Canadian defence. He, Bowen and Devereux were a striking midfield trio and created much of the damage which saw Wales run in seven marvellous tries, scored by Evans (3), Devereux, Bowen, Hadley and Phillips. Three of them were converted by Thorburn.

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Campese, playing full back, scored his 24th try for Australia, which equals Ian Smith's world record for Scotland - though I suspect Smith's were scored against somewhat flatter opposition - but Australia's midfield was at odds with itself and its opponents. Okidoki dropped a huge goal off an upright but Australia were relieved to finish as they did.

SCORERS: Australia: Tries: Stark (2), Burke (2), T. Tait, G. Hall, Conversions: Tait (2), Penalties: Stark (2). United States: Try: Okidoki, Conversion: Okidoki (1), Penalties: Okidoki (2), Dropped goal: Okidoki.

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I.T. Botham	89	142	4	4825	208	34.96	14	21	106
O.J. Capel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P.A.J. DeFreitas	4	5	1	77	40	19.25	-	1	-
G.R. Dillie	26	37	1	371	56	14.26	-	2	7
P.H. Edmonds	46	51	1	909	54	17.21	-	2	39
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N.H. Fairbrother	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N.A. Foster	14	21	3	127	18	7.05	-	3	-
B.N. French	5	7	2	55	21	11.00	-	-	-
M.W. Gatting	53	92	12	2118	207	38.97	7	16	47
D.I. Gower	91	156	12	6553	215	45.50	14	32	54
R.T. Robinson	18	28	3	1052	175	42.06	3	3	6

Compiled by Richard Lockwood

### SPORTS POLITICS

#### New levels of funding negotiated

By John Goodbody

The Sports Council and the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) are to try to settle their difficulties and disputes.

They are to start negotiations for the Government-funded Sports Council to stop giving an annual budget to the CCPR, which represents the governing bodies in both sport and recreation, and instead give it one large payment.

Under a 1972 agreement, the CCPR transferred its staff, nine regional offices, its London headquarters and its six main centres for the recently-formed Sports Council.

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Between December 1985 and November 1986 the council gave the CCPR, out of its annual budget of £36 million, about £365,000, although this figure is subject to arbitration. The grant for the current year will be discussed at the Sports Council meeting next month.

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Because the Sports Council is funded directly by the government, its opponents have always seen it as not being a truly independent voice.

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## TENNIS

# Becker proves himself a thinking man but is ready for a fall

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Paris

Two years ago Boris Becker carved himself a special niche in the history of Wimbledon. Now, at the age of 19 years and seven months, he has done it in the French championships. Becker reached the semi-finals by beating Jimmy Connors 6-3, 6-3, 7-5 yesterday in two hours and 42 minutes.

The German eagle has never soared so high here - not in the men's singles, anyway - since Gottfried von Cramm and Henner Henkel in turn won the title in the 1930s.

Becker may not yet be ready to go as far. He has never won a tournament on clay, though on yesterday's evidence he is learning this difficult trade faster than most.

"On clay you have to think more, work more and wait," Becker said. "I had to be a little harder for me to play on clay than anything else. But in the first two sets today, I played almost perfect. I controlled him from the baseline, moved him right and left, and he made mistakes. Then conditions got a bit rougher and we both had a few problems."

"This means more to me than the semi-finals of the US Open but I'm not satisfied yet, because I think I can win the whole thing."

With Mats Wilander and either Ivan Lendl or Miloslav Meir ahead of him, Becker is probably kidding himself. But all of us have rare days when everything seems possible.

"He played with a lot of patience," Connors said. "He didn't go for too many big forehands and didn't make many mistakes. He moved well and he was not only getting there - he was doing something with the ball. But I played well and had a lot of opportunities. At times it could have gone either way."

"Clay-court tennis," Connors added, "is

Paris results

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This was the thinking man's tennis: a contest of wit and will and skill that was always discreetly aggressive. Like John Newcombe and Arthur

Ashe in their Wimbledon finals with Rod Laver and Connors, Becker played a game foreign to his nature.

He used his power but did not abuse it. He sometimes went to the net behind a fierce service or forehand but mostly relied on the length and variety of his ground strokes - top-spin on the forehand and either clipped or top-spin on the backhand. Repeatedly, his bounding, top-spin forehands pulled Connors wide of the court.

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Grim ace: Becker's face is contorted with concentration as he returns the ball yesterday on his way to a semi-final place

## Turner in the driving seat with £5,000 car

By David Powell

A gesture of encouragement to the British game was announced yesterday after lunch yesterday. A £5,000 car would be awarded to the best performance of the week by a home player in the Direct Line Insurance tournament at Beckenham.

The announcement seemed fairly ridiculous at the time. Of 30 Britons in the two singles competitions, 22 had already been beaten. Two hours later the car was as good as won, when James Turner completed a remarkable

victory over Slobodan Zivjovic, last year's Wimbledon semi-finalist.

Turner was playing with two pines in his right knee. It was only his tenth singles match since breaking his knee-cap and being forced out of action for nearly four months. Since his return fortune had kept its distance; he reached the Paddington final last month but it was rained off. The 21-year-old from Bathford, near Bath, was hardly brimming with ambition when he arrived at Beckenham. "This year I have set my

sights on getting fit," he said.

The British No 9 laid the foundations for his 6-7, 6-4, 6-3 victory with 15 aces. With good placement down the lines on the "yugoslav" second service, Turner moved into a 5-2 lead in the deciding set before momentarily looking like a punter who had backed the Derby winner but could not find his betting slip. Twice he was two points from victory, but allowed Zivjovic to come back. He let slip a match point before remembering where he had kept his winning racket. It was locked

away in his service arm and one more ace delivered him to the second round.

Turner's victory meant Stephen Boldfield had to start again in establishing a claim for the car. Boldfield's 6-4, 6-4 defeat of the sixteen-year-old, Sammy Giammalva, of the United States, was commendable even if, in the excitement of Turner's success, it commanded almost as little attention as his victory over Emilio Sanchez, the Spanish No 1 one, at Wimbledon last year. Ricardo Acuna, the Chilean who put out Andrew Castle,

## Day when rain reigned again

The Holiday Inn Northern tournament was threatened to a singles-only event yesterday after a third day of torrential rain in Didsbury (Ian Ross writes). The three doubles events were scrapped because world-ranked players such as Stefan Edberg, Kevin Curren and Tim Mayotte need grass-court practice before Wimbledon.

In addition, any match going into a third set will now be decided by a tie-break. Having taken these measures, the organizers are hopeful that, weather permitting, the finals of the singles tournaments can still be played on Saturday. However, the possibility of extending the tournament until Sunday or reducing it to a series of exhibition matches now looms large on a distinctly cloudy horizon.

Having set themselves a break-even figure of between £20,000 and £25,000, the Northern club have taken just £7,000 through the turnstiles in the opening three days. The club's chairman, Colin Hardacre, said: "No one can remember a time when we reached this stage without a ball being hit."

## CRICKET: CLARKE'S GROIN STRAIN COULD SWING BALANCE OF POWER IN KENT'S FAVOUR

### Surrey fail to take good advantage

By Richard Streeton

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS:** (Surrey won toss). Kent, with eight first innings wickets in hand, are 123 runs behind Surrey.

The balance of power switched dramatically to Kent near the close yesterday when Sylvester Clarke, Surrey's West Indian fast bowler, retired with a groin strain. Clarke bowled only five overs before he spawled awkwardly at midday in front of his high catch offered by Taylor off Gire.

Clarke will know today after treatment whether he will be able to take any further part. Surrey will need his hostility if they are to restrain Kent from building a useful first innings lead.

Surrey themselves were restricted to 208, with Danny Kelleher, a second XI medium-fast bowler, taking five wickets in only his second championship game.

Benson and Taylor launched Kent's innings with a stand of 56 before Thomas, who replaced Clarke in the attack, had Benson held at second slip and he went on to bowl Hinks.

Clinton and Lynch were exceptions but Surrey generally batted with little conviction and failed to take proper advantage of moderate bowling. A slow pitch yielded movement for the seamers and the odd ball "stunned" but Kent bowled too many balls that could be left alone.

Kent's depleted bowling at the present time was weakened further by Cowdrey's inability to share the load. He needed to avoid aggravating a slightly strained Achilles tendon and this meant more of a support role for Kelleher than he might otherwise have had. From a semi-circular approach run Kelleher bowled with plenty of determination but took some punishment at times.

Clinton played with far more freedom than he used to show in

his days with Kent and attractive drives and square cuts brought most of his 14 fours during a stay of 28 overs.

Clinton's second innings before against Kent and it is interesting how often this happens when a player moves to another county.

Kent made an early breakthrough when Smith drove a catch to cover in the fourth over. Stewart was always subdued before he moved in front of his stumps and failed to offer a proper stroke. Clinton was third out when he was caught behind and the rest of the innings was propped by Lynch, who was in a restrained mood.

Lynch batted carefully for 39 overs before he attempted a rare, full-blooded drive and was well caught by Aslett at deep backward point. One of the reasons why Kent are managing to hide their bowling weakness is their holding and Taylor and Cowdrey in the slips and Taylor in the covers all held splendid catches.

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**KENT First Innings:** 123 (8 wickets, 23 overs). **Top 5:** 1. D. G. Smith (57), 2. D. G. Smith (57), 3. D. G. Smith (57), 4. D. G. Smith (57), 5. D. G. Smith (57).

**FALL OF WICKETS:** 1-28, 2-74, 3-104, 4-123, 5-156, 6-189, 7-198, 8-208. **BOWLING:** D. G. Smith 22-2-0-2, P. Hinks 15-4-0-3, Taylor 21-4-0-5, D. G. Smith 21-4-0-5.

**Second Innings:** Surrey 208, Kent 123. **Top 5:** 1. D. G. Smith (57), 2. D. G. Smith (57), 3. D. G. Smith (57), 4. D. G. Smith (57), 5. D. G. Smith (57).

**FALL OF WICKETS:** 1-10, 2-53, 3-104, 4-228, 5-260, 6-284.

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### Somerset skittled by seam

By Marcus Williams

**TAUNTON (Somerset won the toss):** Somerset have scored 174 all out against Nottinghamshire. Nottinghamshire's bowlers profited from the new regulation on uncovered wickets at Taunton yesterday as Somerset, after two heavy showers, subsided from 130 for two to 174 all out in the space of 24 overs. The hosts were indebted to a third-wicket partnership of 98 between Jon Hardy and Martin Crowe before the ball began to dominate.

In unsettled weather Somerset had chosen to bat first on a well-grassed pitch, and even before the rain their task was never easy against Nottinghamshire's four-handed seam attack, which shared eight of the wickets. Towards the end Hadley was almost unplayable as he took four for three in 29 balls. Hemmings' off spin, introduced for the 60th over and gaining turn and lift, accounted for the other two wickets.

Seabrook, the first change, made the initial breakthrough, having Fenton admitted taken by Randall at second slip, and in his next over Wyatt, struggling to find his touch in his first championship innings of the season, misjudged the length and was left before.

However, from a watchful start Hardy and Crowe raised the total from 52 to 120 before the first downpour fell after lunch. There can be no more elegant pair of batsmen in county cricket, and in difficult circumstances they gave the innings substance with sound batting and handsome dispatch of the ball.

They added another 10 after the stoppage by which time the ball was beginning to fly, but then the Nottinghamshire captain, Rice, accounted for them both. Hardy, having just passed 50 for the third time in successive championship innings, was leg before half forward and Rice moved one sharply away from Crowe for Hadley to hold a low catch at first slip.

The next stoppage sealed Somerset's fate, with Hadley skying Hemmings's fourth ball perpendicularly and Rice, from slip, clinging on to a brute of a catch. Rice took another stinger, batted high, in the next over, when a ball from Hadley took off past Burns's outside edge, and Somerset's last hope of prolonged resistance disappeared when Marks, having batted through 16 overs, cut Hadley to the wicketkeeper.

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### Gloucester attack held up by Allott

By Jack Bailey

**BRISTOL (Gloucestershire won the toss):** Gloucestershire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, trail Lancashire by 48 runs.

It was primarily a day for the Gloucestershire bowlers. Lancashire batters had a sound technique. Hughes showed experience and character staying around when the wicket was most capricious. Folley, too, hung on, sharing the highest partnership of the innings (41) with Allott.

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Before Allott, none of the Lancashire batsmen had looked remotely comfortable. Chadwick, playing his first match of the season, defended, ducked and weaved with a sound technique. Hughes showed experience and character staying around when the wicket was most capricious. Folley, too, hung on, sharing the highest partnership of the innings (41) with Allott.

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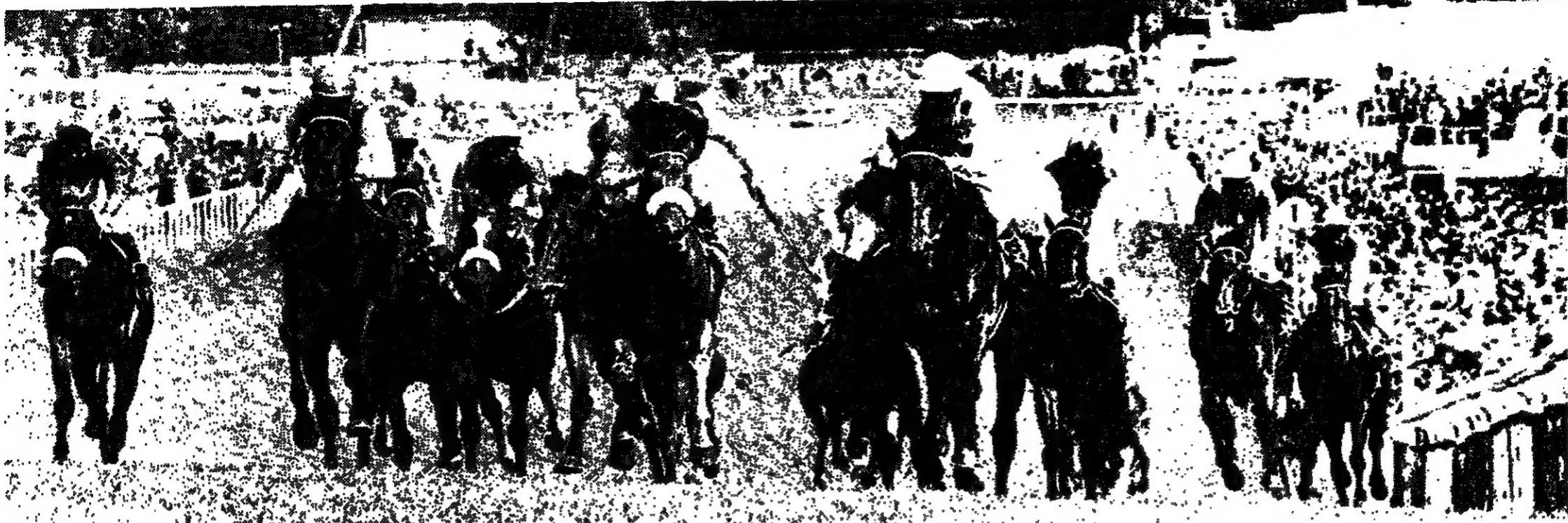
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## HOW THEY FINISHED IN THE 1987 DERBY

## Relentless Reference Point reigns



Victory charge: Reference Point (fourth from right) is a good length and a half ahead and moving away as the Derby field comes up the final rise at Epsom yesterday (Photograph: Stephen Markeson)

By Michael Seely

Riding like a man inspired, Steve Cauthen gave yet another matchless display of front-running tactics on Reference Point to credit himself and Henry Cecil with their second triumph in the Ever Ready-sponsored Derby at Epsom yesterday.

Just as with Slip Anchor in 1985, the now 27-year-old Kentucky-born rider made all the running on the determined winner. And in so doing the victorious pair's time of 2min 33.9sec was the fastest since electrical timing was introduced in 1964.

No higher tribute to Reference Point's superb courage could be paid than that of Paul Eddery, the jockey on Most Welcome, the 1½ lengths runner-up. "I thought we were sure to win two furlongs out, but every time I got to Steve, his mount kept pulling out extra."

After dictating the early

gallon Reference Point turned into the home straight pressed by Ascot Knight, Most Welcome, Ibn Bey with Legal Bid not far behind.

Most Welcome pressed the winner all the way to the line and Paul Eddery launched a dangerous-looking attack on Bellotto two furlongs from home before finishing third, a short head behind the runner-up.

Sir Harry Lewis finished fourth in front of Entitled and Mountain Kingdom. Sadiyy

took eighth place and Romantic Prince was last of the 19 runners to take part.

A gasp of horror went up when the heavily-backed Sadiyy left the starting stalls well behind the rest of the field.

But although the second favourite was still six lengths adrift racing down the hill to Tattenham Corner, the French challenger then made up ground to reach his final position.

"He got very colty on the

way to the start," said Yves Saint-Martin. "In fact, his mind was on everything but racing. He missed the break and at first showed little interest. But he then started to warm up and the further they went the stronger was Sadiyy travelling."

The mantle of Lester Piggott has now settled firmly on Cauthen's shoulders and the invisible clock in the jockey's head has never worked better than on this brilliant occasion.

"My first preoccupation was to keep the horse balanced racing down the hill and then to let him find his stride in the straight. He only really got on top in the last furlong and he'll be much better suited by a more galloping track," the jubilant rider said.

This was above all a victory for professionalism of the highest possible order. The commanding and relaxed-looking Reference Point had dominated proceedings in the

paddock, just as he did in the race, before giving Cecil his tenth British classic success.

No words of praise can be too high for the patience shown by the 44-year-old six-times champion trainer and for the judgement he has exercised in his handling of the winner, who was operated on for a sinus problem back in March.

"He was having a spray up his nose only five days ago," said the trainer.

"In a funny way I was quite relaxed this afternoon," he went on. "My job was done the moment I got the saddles on the right way round. If they were going to be beaten, they could only be defeated by better horses."

What a triumph did this win also represent for Louis Freedman, Reference Point's owner-breeder, whose yellow and black spotted colours first gained fame when carried by I Say, into third place behind Sea Bird II in the 1963 Derby.

Reference Point was bred at the Clivedon Stud in Buckinghamshire, where Freedman's affairs are managed by Peter Willett, the former journalist and also former president of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association.

As a son of Mill Reef, winner of the Derby in 1971, and sire of the 1978 victor, Shirley Heights, Reference Point must now be worth around £15 million on the open market.

Both Cecil and the property magnate now favour running Reference Point in the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown. "I want to prove that he has the necessary speed," said Freedman.

"I had wanted to go for the Triple Crown, but his illness forced us to miss the 2,000 Guineas."

Cecil added: "I then went to go for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot. It is a race I have yet to win."

The judgement of Geoffrey

Wragg was also vindicated by the gallant performance of Most Welcome. "If Reference Point is going for the Eclipse, then we'll have to go for the Irish Derby," the Newmarket trainer said.

Bellotto also ran a marvellous race. "I thought we'd win halfway up the straight," said Paul Eddery. "But he didn't quicken and didn't last home up the hill."

The abiding memory of the 1987 Derby will be of a high-class display by a superbly trained athlete.

And the whole nation will doubtless have collective sighs of relief that, due to the shortness of Reference Point's 6-4 starting price, the bookmakers have been saved from taking too much punishment.

"There won't be much in it," said Mike Raper of William Hills. "We have to pay out about £5-million and there won't be much in it either way. The only major winner will be the taxman."

## Hooray — only up to a point

Simon Barnes

I am the world's most dogged supporter of the underdog. I revel in memories of the 1973 Cup Final, of North Korea and Pak Doo Ik, of India winning the World Cup at Lord's, of Foinavon winning the Grand National, of Tex in Irregulars winning anything. I am from the Official Monster Raving Loony segment of the sporting observers.

When I go racing, then, I devote myself to the cause of the underhorse. I simply cannot find it within myself to back a favourite. I have, I think, only once backed a favourite in my life and that was Shergar and that was nothing to do with trying to make money. I had simply fallen hopelessly in love with the horse.

I do back outsiders — the underhorses — because I'm looking for value bets or because I am trying to maximize my return. I think I can safely say that my results bear me out in this.

Underdogs win the Grand National of course, but the Derby is one for the pragmatic investor, not the romantic punter, or mug as he is more properly called. Mostly, the race is won by favourites and second favourites. And that is why there can sometimes be the faintest whiff of anti-climax about the event. True, when a horse like Shergar explodes like an atom bomb, and smashes in by 10 lengths, the sight is so awesome and wonderful that all thoughts about outsiders and betting and money vanish utterly from one's mind. But that didn't happen yesterday.

The Derby was won by the favourite, Reference Point, and it was a victory of stunning competence. No doubt about it: it was a Great Feat of Training.

## Technicalities of changing legs

Steve Cauthen, the jockey, (who chose to wear a black and yellow shirt, the same colour as the Queen's dress) rode a really excellent race and afterwards talked sagely of getting the horse balanced down the hill, and of the technicalities of changing legs. He and Reference Point ran just about every yard of the race in front. Terrific. But there was not even the joy of watching the blazing acceleration, that moment, when the horse "finds another gear" as racing people say, and there, for all to see, is the reason why the horse is in a different class to the rest.

But Reference Point did not show an extra gear, no scintillating turn of foot. Rather, he ground the opposition in the dust with toughness, doggedness, and yes, sheer — or mere — competence. The trainer, Henry Cecil, has succeeded remarkably with a problematic animal and the jockey was nothing less than inspired as he showed his mount on with that extraordinary graceless athleticism that is needed to pound the horses forward to victory.

For a moment Reference Point looked beaten, but Cauthen's riding constantly forced a little bit more from the animal. Despite this there is no escaping the fact that this faint whisp of anti-climax was in the air. No, not our grapes, but genuine anti-climax: I didn't have a bet.

If I'd had any sense, I'd have had a decent chunk on the favourite, but in all sporting matters, sense is scarcely ever the quality in the forefront of my mind. And this was a thoroughly excellent and altogether sensible sort of victory.

But I am conscious of an immensely illogical aspect to all this. For Reference Point won a massive cheer from a massed crowd of the greatest underdogs in sport: The Punters. And for once the biggest, solidest and most inevitable winners in the entire history of sport — the bookmakers — got hammered. And anything that does the bookmakers down is worth a cheer and a big one at that. So at the end, I say hooray for Reference Point. Up to a point, that is.

## England match is 'out of bounds'

No tickets will be sold in Britain for England's international match against West Germany at Dusseldorf on September 9 in an attempt to avoid crowd trouble.

The Football Association have agreed not to take a quota of tickets after talks in Dusseldorf yesterday between the FA secretary Ted Croker, West German officials and police representatives from the two countries.

However, between 3,000 and 6,000 tickets will be reserved for British soldiers stationed in West Germany. A West German football federation spokesman said that talks would be held with the British Army to ensure the military were separated from home supporters in the 68,000-capacity Rheinstadion.

The fixture has been widely seen as a test of crowd handling before next year's European Championship finals in West Germany for which England have a good chance of qualifying.

John Barnwell yesterday ended his five-year exile from English football when he was appointed manager of third division Notts County. The former Nottingham Forest player, aged 49, succeeds Jimmy Sirrel as part of a major shake-up at Meadow Lane.

Although he had a brief spell as manager of AEK Athens, Barnwell has been out of the game since being dismissed by Wolverhampton Wanderers in January 1982. He said yesterday: "I'm back in the mainstream of football and that is great. One of my aims here will be to bring some fun back into football."

Aston Villa's new manager Graham Taylor yesterday signed Steve Sims, a defender, from his former club Watford for £50,000, and David Hunt, a midfielder, on a free transfer from Notts County.

West Ham United's long-serving defender and former captain Billy Bonds, has signed a new one-year contract.

## Scoring over the boss

By John Goodbody

When your colleagues at work today appear particularly attentive and silent during long, one-sided telephone calls, they may not be finding information for their jobs.

Instead, they may be listening to one of a growing number of phone services giving frequent ball-by-ball commentaries on England's first Test match against Pakistan.

The privatization of British Telecom in 1984 has spawned a large number of information services and this year there has been a striking expansion in cricket.

The GPO began the Test Match Information Service in 1956. Now called Cricketline (dial 154 in some parts of the country, 16 elsewhere), it is the fourth most popular of all British Telecom's services with over 30 million calls a year wanting the latest Test (scores updated every five minutes) and also county matches (scores changed four times a day). For the price of a local call (5p), the bare details can be yours.

But for obsessive followers, who perhaps either cannot afford a transistor or cannot be seen to be listening to a radio during their daily work, there are now ball-by-ball commentaries on a pre-

mium rate service at 38p a minute between 8am and 6pm.

Telecom's wholly-owned subsidiary Supercall have three services, employing six people on the staff and a network of freelancers. There is the County Scoreboard service (0898 121 154), a more sophisticated version of Cricketline, the Essex Cricketcall (0898 121 176), which offers ball-by-ball commentaries from Trevor Bailey on most of the county's games, and Cricketcall International (0898 121 134).

This began during last winter's Test series in Australia and was so popular that it

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has been expanded for the current series.

Gerald O'Connell, the business manager of Supercall Sport, says: "We will be operating live commentary throughout the summer. We are keenly aware that we must tailor the service for the telephone with more frequent scores and summarizing of the action than is customary on the radio."

"Although every business likes to have a monopoly, we do not think that there are too many other companies in the

marketplace. In fact there may be room for one or two more," he said.

Rival services are the Honeywell-Bull Cricket Line (Super Sports Call) (0898 654 366), which advertizes that it is run in "co-operation with the Test and County Cricket Board" and also the BBC Test Match Special (0898 654 366), where it is possible to listen to the Radio Three commentary over the telephone (at 38p a minute or £159.60p a day).

A spokesman for BBC Enterprises Ltd says: "This is a new enterprise for us. We think the reputation of the BBC radio commentary team will stand us in good stead against our rivals."

"We began with the one-day internationals. Although we had less than 1,000 calls for two of the matches, these were on a Saturday and a Bank Holiday. Monday. We had 4,500 calls for the match on the Thursday, when more people presumably were at work."

When England had their famous victory over Australia at Headingley in 1981, the original Cricketline had over 700,000 calls. The potential for workers, frustrated at being away from their television, radio, or the ground itself, is clearly there.

## Capel could play if Dilley is unfit

By Alan Lee

Graham Dilley has a final chance this morning to convince England's selectors and, more importantly, himself that he has recovered sufficiently from a strained side to take the new ball in the first Cornhill Test against Pakistan.

Two exploratory work-outs yesterday proved inconclusive so Dilley will put himself through a sterner examination before the scheduled start at Old Trafford. There is rather more than the shape of England's team at stake.

If Dilley declares himself unfit, David Capel of Northamptonshire could win his first cap, providing Gattling's belief that four seamers are required on a damp pitch outweighs the conviction of Peter May, chairman of selectors, that a balanced attack is preferable.

Dilley's absence, however, would also have psychological implications. He has matured so strikingly that in Australia he often looked a matchwinner. Pakistan will feel more comfortable if he is missing while Dilley himself would be unfairly returned to the injury-prone file.

Gattling admitted last night:

"We are hopeful about Graham, but no more than that. It is important to us that he plays but having said that, we do have other capable bowlers in the squad."

Heavy showers punctuated the day in Manchester and the forecast is much the same for today. England's players are in the unaccustomed position of being odds on favourites to win the series but Gattling said: "I don't think that cases the pressure. When people say we have no chance, we seem to go out and win."

Gattling, whose recently dislocated finger was still stiff yesterday, will take the number three position in the England order, with Neil Fairbrother, making his Test debut, at number five.

It will be an occasion carefully scrutinized by public police and government for any signs of a recurrence of the crowd violence seen at Edgbaston. Surveillance cameras and a private security team have been introduced. A crowd of around 12,000 is expected today and tickets will be available on the gate. Up to last night advance sales for the match totalled £225,000.

## Injury keeps Saleem out of Test series

Saleem Jaffer, Pakistan's left arm medium-fast bowler, on whom they were banking to share the pace attack with Imran and Wasim Akram, has been ruled out of the present series (Qamar Ahmed writes).

Suffering from a groin injury since the beginning of the tour, Jaffer has been advised by a specialist to rest for eight weeks.

"He is such a nice chap that I do not want to send him back. I have left it up to him to make a decision either to stay with the team and recover, or to fly back home," said Hasib Ahsan, the manager of the team.

"We have in mind Barkatullah, a promising fast bowler playing league cricket in the north. If need be we might call on him to join the team," he added.

Pakistan have already called in Zulqarnain, the reserve wicketkeeper, to join the squad in case he is needed. He was at Old Trafford yesterday, practising with the team.

## All bull's-eyes

Gale Stewart, of Canada, scored a perfect 600 points to equal the world smallbore rifle shooting record in the preliminary round of the World Cup final in Zurich yesterday, but finally finished fourth behind Jan Kurka, of Czechoslovakia.

## Knitting in

Sarah Loosemore, aged 15 from Dinas Powys, joins Anne Simpkin and Sally Timmis in Britain's junior Team Jaeger tennis programme and receives a £3,000 sponsorship following the withdrawal of Sue McCarthy through illness.

## Blank at TT

Mist forced the postponement of the TT racing programme at the Isle of Man yesterday.

## Gross returns

Michael Gross, the West German world and Olympic swimming champion, will make his first international appearance since sustaining a serious shoulder injury in March when he races in Monte Carlo this weekend.

## Return for top pair

Steve Butler and Steve Baddeley, two of England's most successful players, will make comebacks in the world grand prix badminton tournaments in Asia next month.

Butler, Britain's outstanding player in the bronze medal success in the world team championships three years ago, is returning to the world circuit after 14 months out with injuries, while Baddeley, the Commonwealth champion, plays again after preferring to take three months off instead of playing in Beijing last month.

## Solent saved

Solent Stars, the former British basketball champions, have been saved from liquidation by a sponsorship deal from Draper Tools.

## Under repair

Donington Park has cancelled all meetings until June 12 to do extensive resurfacing before the British motor cycling grand prix on August 2.

## SPORT IN BRIEF



Slaney: tendon operation

Mary Slaney, the world record-holder in the women's mile, underwent arthroscopic surgery on her right Achilles tendon yesterday in Eugene, Oregon.

## Jameson boost

Andy Jameson, the Commonwealth Games butterfly champion, has had his Minet Award sponsorship increased from £1,000 to £3,500 before next year's Olympic Games.

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## Three seconds decide the richest prize

America's Cup skipper Iain Murray and his Australian crew were \$100,000 dollars (£66,000) richer last night after overpowering the American Paul Cayard in a tense three-round final battle for the Grundig World Cup Match Race Championship at Cannes (Barry Pickthall writes).

Cayard, dominated the first bout, winning by 48 seconds, but then lost by the same margin in the second heat, as the winds picked up. In the third and most exciting race of the day, Murray rounded the first mark seven seconds behind Cayard's yacht.

There was so little between the two at the third buoy that Murray emerged flying a protest flag, after Cayard had gained the advantage. But hampered by an injured bowman Cayard allowed Murray to break cover on the final beat and lost out on yachting's biggest prize by a mere three seconds.